

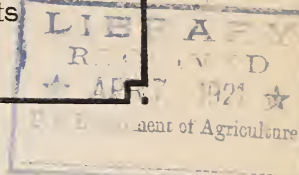
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# THE BUREAU NEWS

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## 1. MR. ESTABROOK IS MADE ASSOCIATE CHIEF.

Preliminary to the consolidation of the Bureau of Crop Estimates with the Bureau of Markets on July 1, 1921, Mr. Leon M. Estabrook, Chief of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, became officially identified with the Bureau of Markets as Associate Chief, effective April 1, 1921.

Mr. Estabrook entered the Department of Agriculture in the Bureau of Plant Industry in 1904, subsequently being in charge of the Office of Records of that bureau and the Office of Congressional Seed Distribution. In 1913 he was appointed Chief Clerk of the Department and Custodian of Buildings, and later in the same year became Statistician and Chief of the Bureau of Statistics. Soon after his appointment as statistician and chief, the Bureau of Statistics was reorganized and named the Bureau of Crop Estimates. During his service as chief of that bureau numerous improvements were effected in connection with the crop reporting service on staple crops, the inauguration of a truck crop reporting service, and a fruit crop reporting service, as well as specialization along other lines of related work.

During the war period Mr. Estabrook was designated as Assistant to the Secretary in connection with the seed grain loans which were made in the drouth-stricken areas of the Southwest and West. The Agricultural Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1922 contains an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the purchase of seed grain for the drouth-stricken areas, and Mr. Estabrook has been designated by the Secretary as chairman of a committee having supervision over this work, which is now well under way.

Mr. Estabrook will make a detailed study of the organization, personnel, and activities of the consolidated Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, with a view to coordinating and combining in the most effective manner the activities of the combined bureaus.

## 2. LEASED WIRES CURTAILED.

The changes in the leased wire systems announced in the Bureau News No. 10, Item 3, have gone into effect and since the first of the month the bureau has had but two leased wire circuits. These will be designated as the eastern and western circuits. The eastern circuit extends from Washington to Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Lancaster and Harrisburg, Pa. The western circuit includes, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, Fond du Lac, St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Waupaca, Wis. The office at Waupaca will be continued until about May 15 by cooperation with the state of Wisconsin.

## 3. JOINT CONFERENCES ON GRAIN STANDARDS ACT.

A series of joint conferences or hearings will be held by the Bureau of Chemistry, the Bureau of Markets and representatives of the grain trade, during the early part of April in some of the Southern States. The purpose of the hearings is to make clear to those concerned the requirements of the food and drugs Act in respect to its relation to the grain standards Act. A misunderstanding of the meaning of adulteration of grain, particularly oats, has been more or less prevalent in certain sections. Some dealers have thought it would not be a violation of the food and drugs Act to add water or foreign material so long as the grain "made the grade" under the requirements of the grain standards Act. Oats are apt to have a lower moisture content at this time of year than the maximum permissible under the standards, and there is some temptation to add water before marketing, to increase weight. The conferences to make clear the fact that this is illegal will be held as follows: Louisville, Ky., April 5; Cairo, Ill., April 6; Memphis, Tenn., April 7; Nashville, Tenn., April 8. Arrangements have been made by the local supervisors for a good attendance of trade members. The Bureau of Chemistry will probably be represented by Dr. R. E. Doolittle, Chief of the Central District; Dr. W. A. Hoover, Chief of the Chicago Station; Dr. Smith, Chief of the St. Louis Station and Mr. Leo B. Forst, Chief of the Cincinnati Station. This bureau will be represented by Mr. A. W. Herger and Mr. C. L. Finch. A representative of the Solicitor's office of the Food and Drugs Section will probably be present at the sessions.

## 4. INCREASE IN NUMBER OF COTTON WAREHOUSES.

A little more than one year ago a temporary field station was established in Atlanta, Georgia, under the administration of the United States warehouse Act. At that time there were eight cotton warehouses in Georgia, two in Alabama, three in Texas, and one in Mississippi licensed under the Federal Act. To date there are one hundred thirty-seven licens-



ed in Georgia, thirty-seven in Alabama, three in Mississippi, one in Louisiana, nine in Arkansas and three in Texas.

In directing the attention of warehousemen to the advantages of licensing and bonding their warehouses under the United States warehouse Act, valuable cooperation was secured from the Georgia State Bureau of Markets, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, the Georgia State Superintendent of Banks, the Southeastern 'Underwriters' Association and the Georgia Bankers' Association. The personnel of the Atlanta office is as follows: F. G. Crout, in charge; John P. Joines and R. D. Cunningham, warehouse inspectors; and Miss Eunice Butterworth, stenographer and typist. Mr. Howard A. Parker of Sylacauga, Ala., has recently been appointed to the position of warehouse inspector and will report for duty at Atlanta, April 1.

#### 5. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN MARCH.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during March:

Agelasto, A. M.: Linters. Department Circular.

Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 67: Findings ... under the U. S. grain standards Act.

West, C. J. : Market Statistics. Department Bulletin. (Held in Div. Pubs. until July 1 because of shortage of funds.)

The following articles have been approved for publication in the following periodicals:

Lacy, Mary G.: The Library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and Its Branches. Requested by the Library Journal.

Potts, Roy C.: Dairy Products Section Established. For Dairy Science.

Potts, Roy C. What is the Purpose of the Dairy Products Section of the American Dairy Science Association? For Dairy Science.

Potts, Roy C.: The Biggest Problem Confronting Our Dairy Industry. For Dairy Science.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Americanization in the Marketing of Farm Products. For The Survey.

Sherman, Caroline B. : Farmers Their Own Middlemen. For The Survey.

Sherman, Caroline B. : Taking the Mystery Out of Marketing. For Reclamation Record.

Sherman, Caroline B. : Uncle Sam Umpires the Produce Game. For Nation's Business.

#### 6. BALTUSDA CLUB FORMED.

Representatives of the various bureaus of the Department of Agriculture located in Baltimore gathered at dinner in the Hotel

Rennert March 24 and formulated plans for a permanent organization. The name "Baltusda Club" was adopted by unanimous vote and a committee of five was appointed to draft a plan of organization. This plan will be presented at a meeting to be held in the offices of the Grain Supervisor in the Keyser Building. At the dinner at the Rennert, Mr. H. G. Anderson, of the Grain Department, acted as toastmaster. Responses were made by Dr. G. M. Walsh, of the Bureau of Chemistry, Dr. I. P. Beck, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Mr. G. W. Morrison, of the Washington office of the Grain Division and Mr. W. E. Harrison, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division. The Department of Agriculture has fifty-five representatives in Baltimore. At a meeting held March 24, the following members of the staff of the Bureau of Markets were present; Mr. H. G. Anderson, Mr. I. M. Carr, Mr. G. W. Morrison, Mr. M. T. Goedeke, Mr. P. J. Bollman, Mr. L. R. Peterson, Mr. H. L. Hebler, Mr. N. Hill, Mr. T. J. Manning, Mr. L. Baker, Mr. S. F. Shreve and Mr. W. E. Harrison.

#### 7. REPORTS TO BE SENT OUT BY AIR MAIL RADIO SERVICE.

Beginning April 15, the radio market news service of the bureau will be expanded to include the sending of market reports by wireless from Post Office Department radio stations at St. Louis, Omaha, Washington and Bellefonte, Pa. Sending market reports by wireless was begun experimentally in Washington Dec. 15, 1920, by this bureau in cooperation with the Bureau of Standards. The success of this experiment led to the immediate acceptance when an offer of cooperation was made by the Post Office Department. This will materially enlarge the market news service of the bureau. The sending by the Bureau of Standards will be discontinued when the cooperation with the post office begins. A tentative schedule of sending out reports has been arranged but it may be altered later. Market news will be sent at certain hours between 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. In addition to the daily Marketgram, reports on live stock, grain and potatoes will be issued from all of the stations mentioned. The reports will be sent to operators within a two or three hundred mile radius of the stations. Each receiving operator will be supplied with blank forms so that it will only be necessary to fill in the prices and brief comments on general market conditions. The morning and early afternoon reports will be sufficiently brief to be transmitted in ten or fifteen minutes, and the radio Marketgram will require about twenty minutes.

#### 8. HANDLING TELEGRAMS

Listed below are suggestions which should be helpful in handling telegrams in accordance with the Secretary's Memorandum No. 333 dated February 7, 1921, amending paragraphs 53 and 54 of the Fiscal Regulations:

1. Permanent branch offices should open charge accounts at local telegraph offices when the amount of business justifies.

2. All telegraph messages relating to business of the department should be indorsed "United States Official Business Government Rate."
3. All telegrams on official business from Washington, D. C., will be sent prepaid, and employees should see that they are not charged for at receiving point.
4. All telegrams to Washington, D. C. should be sent "Collect Government Rate."
5. When in travel status, telegrams to Washington, D. C., and to the home office, if a charge account is maintained there, should not be prepaid by sender. Such telegrams should be sent "Collect Government Rate." All telegrams not prepaid in cash should be stamped or otherwise marked across the face thereof, "Charge Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets."
6. Official telegrams reserving hotel accommodations must be prepaid at Government rate and, if on actual expenses, reimbursement should be claimed in travel account supported by a copy of the message.
7. Telegrams from a field station where a charge account has been opened to any other point should be sent "Prepaid Government Rate," and billed to the sending station, except when sent to Washington, D. C. Employees should take care that such telegrams are not charged at destination.
8. Bills should show period of service, with the number of messages and cost.
9. Either original messages or copies with the project number shown thereon should be attached to voucher.
10. Vouchers should be certified by the Officer in Charge of station, or his representative.
11. Copies of telegrams chargeable to a field station should be on file at said station for reference in certifying voucher.
12. In computing cost of the message neither the signature nor the address should be counted. Formerly the address in the Government telegram was charged for, but this is no longer the case. For this reason definite address and signature should be given.



13. Claims for reimbursement should be supported not only by the copy of the message but also by the operator's receipt. This may be shown on the carbon copy of the message paid for.
14. The Government rate beginning July 1, 1920 and ending June 30, 1921, is 40% of the commercial telegraph rates as they existed on July 31, 1919. It is impractical to attempt to give a detailed schedule, and consequently it will be necessary for employees to depend to a considerable extent on telegraph operators for information, bearing in mind that the charge should be 40% of the rates as shown above, and will be subject to verification by the auditors.
15. Form 5 vouchers for telegraphic service are paid under the regular telegraphic account and not under letters of authorization.

It will be noted from the above that the request is made to have all telegrams billed against sending stations which have charge accounts except when sent to Washington, D. C. While the Fiscal Regulations are silent on this point, it is necessary to make some rule so as to obviate as much as possible, duplicate charges and other errors. When messages are sent on business pertaining to another bureau, the telegraph agent can be requested to submit separate vouchers. This does not apply to different projects in the bureau, as any number of accounts of different projects in this bureau may be carried on one voucher.

#### 9. IN THE LIBRARY

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending March 28, are the following:

Dacy, A. L. Storing vegetables. 1917. (W. Va.. University. College of Agriculture. Extension dept. Circular 153)

Huebner, S. S. Marine insurance. 1920.  
Kitchen, C. W.

Distribution of Northwestern boxed apples. 1921.  
By C. W. Kitchen, E. M. Seifert and Mary B. Hall.  
(U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Bulletin 935)

Meadows, W. R. Comparing spinning tests of Meade and sea island cottons. 1921. (U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Bulletin 946)

Meat animals and packing-house products imported into all principal countries, 1895-1904. 1906. (U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Bureau of statistics..Bul.40)

Minnesota Dairy and Food department. Minnesota creameries, cheese, ice cream and canning factories...1919.

Moomaw, S. B.

Australia and New Zealand as markets for American fruits. By Samuel B. Moomaw and Caroline B. Sherman. 1921. (U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Bulletin 935)

National fertilizer association. Annual convention...1920.

Ridley, R. W. Handling spinach for long distance shipment. 1921. (U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Farmers' Bul.1189)

Simpson, Kemper. A statistical analysis of relation between cost and price. 1921.

U. S. Bureau of animal industry. Trend of meat production, consumption, and foreign trade in U. S., 1917-1919. (1921)

U. S. Dept. of agriculture Bureau of markets. Cabbage types. Preliminary circular. 1919.

U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Bureau of markets. Important details in conducting wool pools. 1920.

U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Bureau of markets. Marketing functions. 1921.

U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Bureau of markets. Report of trip to England 1921. General observations. 1921. By H. E. Kramer.

U. S. Department of agriculture. Bureau of markets. Tentative barreled apple grades...

U. S. Dept. of agriculture. Bureau of markets. Tentative grades for livestock. 1920.

U. S. Dept. of agriculture. States relations service. Cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics, 1919. 1921.



U. S. Dept. of commerce. Bureau of census. Animal and vegetable fats and oils... 1921.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on finance. Emergency tariff. Hearings... 66th cong. 3d sess. 1921.

U. S. Federal trade commission. Report on... wheat prices for 1920 crop. 1920.

U. S. Bureau of labor statistics. Wholesale prices. (Bul. 269) 1920.

U. S. War industries board. American industry in the war. A report of the War industries board. 1921.

#### EFFICIENCY.

10. THE ELIMINATION OF THE MISGRADING OF GRAIN BECAUSE OF MOISTURE has been the subject of study at the Omaha office of the Grain Division. The machines used by the Inspection Department were checked and also the method of sampling, but no cause was found for variation in moisture. This led to the belief that there must be something wrong with the method of preserving the samples after they were drawn. A test was made of the containers used by the department to determine how much the grain would dry out when left over night. The moisture content of the sample used for making the test was 13.2%. Portions of the sample were placed in a metal container, as used by the department, and a pasteboard container, as used by the exchange. After standing one day the contents were: pasteboard container, 17.2%, metal container, 13%. When the sample was tested two days later the metal container showed 13% and the pasteboard container 16%. Further investigation disclosed that the greater percent of samples from cars in which there was a difference in moisture content was drawn by the samplers late in the afternoon, delivered to the inspection office too late for inspection, and left in a heated room until the following morning. The chief and assistant inspectors of the Omaha Grain exchange feel certain that the cause of the disagreements is largely due to defective containers, and have ordered 500 containers such as are used by the department. (Grain Division Project Letter March 25th.)

BUREAU BREVITIES

11. SECRETARY WALLACE WILL BE IN CHICAGO APRIL 6, and hopes to meet all of the representatives of the Department of Agriculture who are located there. A meeting will be held for this purpose at 7:30 P. M. in the office of Dr. Neil, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, which is at Forty Second and Halstead streets, in the building over the Drover's National Bank.

12. THE STAFF OF THE BUREAU OF MARKETS has been asked to contribute toward the gram of radium to be presented to Madame Curie at the time of her visit to the United States. Any persons who have not been seen by those in charge of collecting funds for this object in the different buildings occupied by the bureau, are asked to give their contributions to Miss Lacy, Room 705, Bieber Building.

13. ALL OF THE AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI have been consolidated by act of the legislature, under a Commissioner of Agriculture, who will be appointed by the governor, at a salary of \$4,500 a year. Another bill of importance to the trade is one declaring that grain and live stock exchanges are public markets, and as such compelled to admit representatives of farm organizations, to membership. A measure prohibiting future trading was defeated.

14. A CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR JUNIOR ASSISTANT IN MARKET BUSINESS PRACTICE has been announced, and will be held April 27. The range in salary will be from \$1,500 to \$2,100, depending upon the qualifications of the applicant. Further information on the examination and appointment can be obtained upon application to the Civil Service Commission.

15. AN INSPECTION CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON this week. It will be attended by Dr. G. K. K. Link and Mr. R. C. Butner, of Chicago, Mr. A. D. Gail, Jr. of New York, and Mr. F. G. Robb and Mr. W. C. Hackleman, of Washington. They will revise the Products Circulars which will be made a part of the Inspector's Handbook, and will probably be in session the entire week.

16. A COOPERATIVE GRAIN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION FORMED IN OREGON for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the business of marketing wheat, for reducing speculation, for stabilizing markets and for cooperatively handling the problems of the grain grower, reports that signed agreements for approximately one million bushels of wheat have been obtained.

17. THE COLOMBIAN REVIEW FOR MARCH contains in the Spanish section of the magazine, an illustrated article on the pure-bred live stock work that the Bureau of Markets is conducting in South America. The illustrations used are taken from the booklet on live stock prepared in this bureau.

18. THE ADOPTION OF THE U. S. POTATO GRADES IN NEW YORK STATE is being discussed at hearings held in various parts of the State, by the State Division of Foods and Markets. Mr. H. W. Samson, of the Grades and Standards Section, attended a conference in New York City last week, at which plans were made for these meetings.

19. THE FIELD STATION AT PRESQUE ISLE, ME., has been closed, and Mr. V. D. Callanan, who has been in charge there, will take a few days' leave in Boston before coming to Washington.

20. STUDENTS FROM THE GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY recently visited the Atlanta offices of the bureau, to have the cotton standards explained to them by Mr. B. R. Castler.

21. THE BUREAU BOWLING TEAM HAS WON TEN GAMES out of the last twelve, and Thursday, March 31, defeated the league leaders in three games. The team is now approaching third place in the league.

22. THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHINESE FAMINE FUND, made by members of the bureau staff through the Department of Agriculture, was \$152.50.

23. THE FORT WORTH OFFICE OF THE GRAIN DIVISION has been moved to 402 Neil P. Anderson Building.

24. THE BOSTON OFFICE OF THE GRAIN DIVISION has been moved from the Oliver Building to the twelfth floor of the Custom House.

#### PERSONALS

Mr. Livingston left for Chicago on Monday afternoon, while there he will attend the sessions of the fruits growers' conference, which has been called by the American Farm Bureau Federation. He will also participate in the preliminary meeting of the Farmers' Marketing Committee of Seventeen, and on Wednesday will attend the Ratification Conference of that committee. On Thursday, the 7th, he will meet with the Livestock Committee of Fifteen.

Mr. L. S. Tenny, In Charge of the Division of Cooperative Relations, went to Albany last week to confer with officials of the



Division of Foods and Markets on Market News Service in New York, and later went to Chicago to attend some of the meetings of the Farm Bureau Federation, which are being held there this week.

Mr. W. A. Sherman will be in Chicago this week and will attend a conference called by the American Farm Bureau Federation, composed of persons interested in fruit marketing. While absent from Washington he will also visit wool dealers at several points in the Middle West in the interests of the Domestic Wool Section.

Prof. H. H. Wing, of Cornell University, who as Special Agent of the bureau, has been making some studies on the dairy and meat industry in Australia, is now returning to this country and will arrive in San Francisco April 17.

Mr. D. W. Willingmyre, of the Wool Section of the Live Stock and Meats Division, has returned from a trip to Philadelphia, Wheeling and Columbus, where he went to secure samples to be used in the wool grading work.

Mr. H. A. Harlow, of the Cincinnati office, spent three days of the past week in Huntington, W. Va., securing supervision samples and calling on the trade. Dealers in Ashland and Catlettsburg, Ky., which were recently designated as inspection points, were also visited.

Mr. T. A. Sommers, of the Grain Division, went to Sparks, Md., during the latter part of last week to attend a demonstration, given in a mill, of a machine designed to remove garlic, cockerel, weed-seed and other foreign matter from wheat.

Robert L. Paul, Messenger in the Cotton Division, while riding a bicycle, was injured in a collision with an automobile last Tuesday afternoon and was unconscious several hours. The accident occurred at 920 B street South West. The automobile was driven by Mr. J. H. Spence, of 942 Virginia Ave. The injuries proved to be less serious than at first feared and it is expected that the young man will soon return to duty.

Mr. G. W. Morrison, of the Grain Division, visited the Baltimore office of grain supervision March 24, to discuss personnel matters with Mr. Harold Anderson, Grain Supervisor in charge of that office.

During the next few weeks Mr. J. W. Park, Mr. A. D. Miller, Mr. C. C. McCormick and Mr. H. V. DeMott will interview dealers and audit accounts in the field, in connection with the work of the Domestic Wool Section. Mr. Park will take a short period of leave

in Pennsylvania before joining Mr. Miller. Mr. DeMott and Mr. McCormick will commence their work in Chicago. Letters of authorization for the entire party permit visits to practically all states in the Central West. Mr. W. L. Evans will be in temporary charge of the work of the Domestic Wool Section during the absence of Mr. Park, and Mrs. M. M. Aylor will be in charge of Mr. Evans' work.

Mr. H. E. Truax, of Los Angeles, visited Coachella Valley, March 22, with some California State officials, to attend a meeting of the growers and shippers of Bermuda onions. Action on the adoption of U. S. grades for this season was postponed for a week, at which time another meeting was to be held.

Mr. J. H. Cox, of the Washington office, visited the Duluth office of the bureau March 25. Mr. Cox has since returned to Washington after a three weeks' trip spent in various parts of the West, making studies and inquiries in regard to grades on rye and barley.

Mr. P. L. Miller, Extension Agent, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., spent last week in Washington.

Mr. Hale Tennant, Agent in Marketing in Michigan, will attend the meetings of the American Farm Bureau Federation to be held in Chicago this week.

Dr. S. A. Jones, of the Washington office of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, visited the Atlanta offices of the Bureau of Markets, March 29.

Mr. J. M. Byrnes, Mr. A. C. Poulton and Mr. G. S. Meloy, of the Washington office of the Cotton Division, visited the Atlanta offices last week. Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Poulton returned to Washington March 26.

Mr. F. B. Wilkinson represented the bureau at a meeting of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, which was held in Louisville, Ky., March 29 and 30. The marketing of tobacco was discussed at the meeting, which was attended by representatives from all of the tobacco producing states.

Mr. F. M. Miller, of the New York office of the Cotton Division, has been transferred to Atlanta, where he will serve as clerk in the cotton office.

Mr. W. E. Harrison, in charge of the Market News Service at Baltimore, will be absent from April 6 to 12. His place will be taken by Mr. W. O. Smith, Jr., of the Washington staff.



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## 1. CITRUS FRUITS THROUGH THE CANAL.

Mr. C. W. Mann, of the Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables in Transit and Storage Project, has returned to Washington after a trip through the Panama Canal on the S. S. Liberator, during which he studied the behavior of the cargo of citrus fruits shipped under ventilation. Mr. Mann left the ship at New York but Mr. L. W. Collins of the same project, who also accompanied the shipment through the canal, continued on board to Philadelphia where the last of the cargo was marketed. The shipment was made chiefly for experimental purposes. It was, however, conducted on a commercial scale in cooperation with the California Fruit Growers Exchange. Thirty cars of lemons and one of oranges were carried under ventilation. The voyage lasted twenty-two days, which is about a week longer than the time required by many other steamers plying the same route. In this way opportunity was given to study the limitations and possibilities of this method of transportation under adverse conditions.

Receivers in New York expressed themselves as well pleased with the condition in which the cargo arrived. Twenty-five cars of lemons were marketed there, and it was observed that the fruit which had been most carefully handled arrived in the best condition and brought the highest prices. It is believed that with certain changes in equipment it will be possible to ship lemons under ventilation by this route but that refrigeration will be required for the proper shipment of oranges.

## 2. FIFTY YEAR OLD COTTON BROUGHT TO BUREAU.

That cotton which has been properly stored will maintain its tensile and spinning qualities over a long period of time has been proved by a sample taken from a fifty year old bale and brought into Washington by Mr. Jones, of Harris County, Georgia. A bale of cotton ginned in 1870 was kept on the Jones plantation and has remained there under proper storage ever since except at the time of the St. Louis Exposition in 1904 when it was on exhibition. Bureau experts tested the sample and found that it was as strong as new cotton, the only indication of age being the creamy color which has developed.

### 3. OMAHA INSPECTION STAFF KEPT BUSY.

During the past three weeks the Omaha grain supervision office has supervised the inspection of all wheat loaded out of the elevators. In the earlier part of this movement a number of appeals were taken from the inspector's grade, but with constant supervision it has been noted with interest that the quality of the wheat was very good for contract grades, and the inspectors are grading practically all of the grain correctly. The Omaha terminal houses are selling out their entire stocks of wheat and it is the intention of the supervision force to supervise the inspection of the entire amount. Intermarket information compiled from the Omaha shipments of grain since January 1st, show that 83% of the wheat, corn and oats were graded the same at destination as at shipping point. Notes in the Omaha press indicate that live weevil are beginning to infest the wheat stored on the farms in southeastern Nebraska. While southwestern grain markets have been troubled with the pest throughout the crop year, the wheat arriving at Omaha has been comparatively free from weevil, but it is believed that considerable of the spring run of grain will be graded "sample grade" on account of live weevil.

### 4. MILLING TESTS WITH SWEET CLOVER SEED.

Recently experiments were made in the Bureau of Markets mill to show the effect of the admixture of sweet clover seed in wheat on milling and baking qualities. One of the chief difficulties connected with the sweet clover seed that occurs in wheat is that even when the seed has been removed, the odor clings to the flour and is sometimes apparent even in the bread. In studying the effect of this, two series of ten samples each were prepared, using varying admixtures of the seed of each of the three sweet clovers commonly found in the United States. The quantities of clover seed used ran from .1% to 5%. After the samples had been stored for two months the clover seed was removed from one series and both were milled. During the milling of the series from which the clover seed was removed before grinding, a faint sweet clover odor was given out by the samples which had contained less than .7%. In those which had been mixed with higher per cents it was unmistakable. In the feed and flour resulting the sweet clover aroma was less pronounced and in some cases not perceptible. During the baking, the odor continued to diminish and could not be detected in the cold bread.

The bread made from the flour from which the clover seed had not been removed gave out a decided aroma in the baking, and in those samples in which more than .5% of the seed had been mixed a disagreeable taste was noticed in the finished product. Results show that the three varieties of clover all have the same effect on the milling and baking value of wheat and that the aroma when only faintly present in wheat is usually not noticeable in the flour or the bread.



## 5. IN BUYING LAMB BUY LAMB NOT MUTTON.

Investigations of the Live Stock and Meats Division indicate that in many instances purchasers pay for lamb and get mutton. Recent figures taken from market reports show that on March 24 the wholesale price of dressed lamb at New York was 2-1/2 cents a pound higher than good yearlings and 6 cents higher than good mutton. This suggests the importance of being able to distinguish lamb from yearling and from mutton. The color of the meat is one of the best indications of its age. Lamb usually ranges from pink to light red but the older the animal the darker the meat, and the whiter the bones. Lamb bones are smaller in proportion to the meat than mutton bones and have a reddish appearance. Mutton bones are white and flinty. If the whole carcass of the sheep is seen the ribs in the matured sheep will show more of a "bow" shape than the ribs of the lamb.

One of the standard ways of telling lamb is by inspecting the first or ankle joint of the front leg. In lambs and yearlings the knuckle of this joint is broken off the shank bone when the carcass is dressed. In the case of the lamb the exposed end of the bone presents a rigid and porous appearance, is decidedly red and is moist to the touch. The older the animal the more firmly the knuckle is attached to the bone and the whiter the bone. In the yearling stage the knuckle still breaks off but when this is done the end of the bone has a hard, rough appearance and has lost much of its red color. When the lamb has become a sheep the bone is so ossified that the knuckle no longer breaks off the end of the bone, but it is frequently broken off by mechanical means to make it look like lamb. In such cases the bone lacks the reddish color, which is sufficient to reveal its character to those who have made a reasonable study of the matter.

## 6. VIOLATIONS OF THE GRAIN STANDARDS ACT.

On March 30, 1921, the Secretary of Agriculture issued his findings of a violation of Section 5 of the United States grain standards Act on the part of O. Vanier, of Fairbury, Neb.

These findings show that Mr. Vanier purchased from the Jansen Milling Company, Jansen, Neb. one carload of No. 4 or better, White corn for shipment to Atchison, Kan., Atchison weights and official grades. Upon arrival at Atchison the corn was inspected and graded by a licensed inspector who found it to be No. 3 White with a moisture content of 17 per cent. When the certificate was received by Mr. Vanier he altered the same to show a grade of No. 4 White with a moisture content of 18 per cent, and transmitted the certificate so altered to the shipper, the Jansen Milling Company, thereby representing to that Company that the corn had graded No. 4 white at Atchison, whereas in fact the licensed inspector had found it to be No. 3 White.

#### 7. WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION IN NEED OF FUNDS.

The committee of the Department War Relief Association, for work among the soldier and sailor patients of St. Elizabeth's Hospital has recently reported that in order to continue the work of the past two years, contributions from the members of the Department of Agriculture will be necessary. Besides managing automobile excursions, parties and visits, the committee has served 6,500 individual suppers within the last two years to these patients, fifty to eighty of whom are brought into the city each Sunday evening. Various gifts such as books, magazines, phonograph records, baseballs, games, candy and fruit have been presented by the committee to the hospital. The ladies who do the work are willing and anxious to continue, but this will not be possible unless additional funds are secured. A thousand dollars will make the continuation for another year possible. Contributions may be sent to Miss Emily E. Clark, 507 Bieber Building, or Miss Mamie Parker, 512 Bieber Building. The committee in charge is Mrs. R. M. Reese, Chairman, Miss C. M. Davis, Mrs. M. B. Perryhill, Mrs. W. C. Barnes, Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. Elizabeth Woodward, and Mrs. M. I. Yates.

#### 8. BUREAU STAFF TO DANCE.

A dance will be given by members of the Bureau of Markets staff April 15, 9 to 12 p.m., at the Park Savings Bank Hall, Fourteenth and Kenyon Streets. The dance will be informal and refreshments will be served. Tickets may be secured from members of the committee who are: Mr. C. L. Snow, Chairman, Miss Dena Hammer, Miss Florence Lee, Miss Catherine M. Viehmann, Mrs. Ruth Montgomery, Mr. C. W. Swan, and Mr. Stephen Bray.

#### 9. ADVANCES OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVELING EXPENSES.

The great number of queries received relative to the methods to be used in obtaining and accounting for advances of funds under Memorandum No. 334, issued February 25, 1921, by the Secretary, indicates that there is considerable uncertainty among employees as to correct procedure.

These advances will be made only for the purpose of relieving employees from the necessity of using personal funds for meeting expenses to be incurred for official travel. An employee who finds it necessary to secure such an advance should fill out a single copy of Dept. Form 100 and make formal application through the leader of his division on this form. (This form is the only one of those used in connection with such advances carried in stock by the bureau and may be obtained from the Property Clerk through the Head Clerks of Divisions.) After the application has been initialed by the Project Leader and approved by the

Chief or Acting Chief of Bureau, it should be forwarded to the Office of Supplies and Accounts. The application is then recorded in that office and transmitted to the Disbursing Clerk of the Department accompanied by a copy of the letter authorizing the travel. A bond for \$1,000 is required, is good for one year, and covers all advances during this period. If a surety bond is not already on file with the Disbursing Clerk, he will furnish the applicant with a form to be used in giving such bond and information as to the acceptable bonding companies. Upon acceptance of the bond by the Disbursing Clerk, he will forward to the applicant a check for the amount requested.

Form 101, which is used for submitting travel accounts under this memorandum, is furnished by the Disbursing Clerk to persons to whom advances are made and provides for a statement from the traveler of any balances carried forward and the amount advanced him since the submittal of his previous account. The balances can be carried over for a series of trips running up to the end of the fiscal year, provided the series of trips are made under the authority contained in one letter. Upon the completion of the work under a particular letter, or upon the expiration of the term of the bond, the balance in the hands of the employe must be deposited with the Disbursing Clerk of the Department. If additional funds are needed, subsequent applications should be submitted on form 100 in the same manner as outlined above, except that portion which relates to the giving of bond, and should be made at the time of the rendition of a travel account. Expense accounts must be submitted promptly, in accordance with the fiscal regulations, and at least once a month.

#### 10. IN THE LIBRARY.

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 4, are the following:

Agricultural Staples and Tariff...1920. (U.S. Tariff Commission. Tariff Information Series No. 20)

American Cotton Association. Com. on Cooperative Marketing. Report 1920. 1920.

Boyle, J. E. Speculations and the Chicago Board of Trade. 1920.

Cox, A. B. Cost of Production; Its Relation to Price. 1920. (Tex. Agricultural Experiment Station. Cir. 26)

Farmers' Marketing Committee of Seventeen. Meeting... 1920. 1921.



Farmers' Marketing Committee of Seventeen. Outlined explanation of the proposed grain marketing plan. 1921.

Haney, L. H. Cost of Production Statistics. 1920.

Johnson, O. R. Cost of Producing Wheat and Oats in Missouri: 1920. 1920. (Mo. Agricultural Experiment Station. Cir. 100)

Macklin, Theodore. Marketing by Federations. 1920. (Wis. Agricultural Experiment Station. Bulletin 322)

Swedish Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.A. How it Expedites Foreign Trade. 1920.

### EFFICIENCY.

11. A MACHINE HAS BEEN INVENTED BY MR. J. F. BARGHAUSEN which has greatly facilitated the preparation of uniform packages of practical forms of the Official Cotton Standards of the United States for length of staple. Packages containing approximately one pound of cotton are rolled and wrapped in paper and placed in this machine. The machine, which is a simple and inexpensive device and operated by one man, has resulted in a great saving of time and labor. Uniform packages with the same density to each package are now produced, whereas when the work was done by hand there was considerable irregularity in the size of the package.

12. IN COMMENTING ON THE SUGGESTIONS FOR AN EFFICIENT NOTE BOOK that appeared in the Bureau News of March 29, one of the administrative officers of the bureau called attention to a system which he has used for several years. It consists of a series of vest-pocket note books with consecutive pagination, one of which is constantly carried. Notes of all kinds are made in this book. Those of temporary value only are lined out when they have received necessary attention. When the book is filled it is filed in series with preceding numbers, and any items not cancelled to which reference may be made in the future are indexed by subject, referring to page.

" 'Tis spring time. Let us sow seeds of kindness."

Contributed.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

13. A RECENT BILL PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE permits Federal appeals to be called upon intrastate shipments of grain. It has been signed by the Governor and will become effective in ninety days. The measure provides that any interested person who is dissatisfied with the inspector's grade on an intrastate shipment of grain for which Federal standards have been established, may appeal to the Federal Grain Supervisor of the district in which the State of Washington is located for the correct grade of the grain in question. The Grain Supervisor shall then confer with State authorities as to the grade and shall issue a certificate that shall be prima facie evidence in any court in the State. This legislation is subject to the approval of the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

14. THE WENATCHEE DISTRICT COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, a non-stock organization composed entirely of fruit growers, has recently been organized with the assistance of Mr. Joseph Passonneau, Director of the Office of Farm Markets, State of Washington. Approximately 4,200 cars of apples and about 800 cars of other fruit have been pledged for sale through the association.

15. TOBACCO GROWERS OF WISCONSIN are organizing for the purpose of marketing their crop cooperatively. Their plans provide for the local ownership of warehouses that may be leased by the State organization, and State tobacco grades may be established later in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Markets. The Wisconsin Division of Markets is assisting in the organization.

16. THE ADVISABILITY OF DISCONTINUING ASTORIA, ORE., as an inspection point, because of small receipts, was the subject of a conference held last week by Mr. A. F. Nelson, of the Portland office, Mr. J. W. Church, Chief Inspector of the State of Oregon, Inspector C. W. Wright and officials of the Port of Astoria. It was decided to continue State inspection for the present at least.

17. AT A RECENT MEETING HELD IN COACHELLA, CALIF., the growers and shippers decided to use the U. S. standard grades on Bermuda onions for the coming season. They have also requested California State shipping point inspection.

18. THE BUREAU OF MARKETS MESSENGERS' BASEBALL TEAM defeated the Division of Publications' team, Thursday, April 7, the score being 19 to 14. The batteries for the winners were Smith and Desmond.

19. THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA has authorized any district to bond itself to secure marketing facilities such as warehouses or elevators.

20. DUPLICATES OF MISSING OR ILLEGIBLE PAGES in the Bureau Administrative Handbook will be sent upon application to the Branch of Operation.

#### PERSONALS.

Mr. W. A. Wheeler, of the Division of Market Information, left Sunday, April 10, for a trip to St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha, to open stations of the radio market news service at these points.

Mr. H. C. Wilcox, of the Photographic Laboratory, left last week for Kansas City and Chicago, where he is taking photographs of live stock for a bureau publication. Mr. Wilcox expects to be gone for about three weeks.

Mr. G. B. Alguire, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, returned to his headquarters in Ft. Worth, Tex., last week after a stay of six weeks in Washington. While here Mr. Alguire completed a bulletin entitled "Marketing Broom Corn." He will return to Ft. Worth by way of Chicago and Kansas City.

Mr. W. J. O'Loughlin, of the Chicago office of the Grain Division, left last week for a field trip which will include Duluth, Minneapolis, Sioux City, Omaha and Kansas City. He will take up matters connected with grading problems. Mr. O. F. Phillips left last Wednesday for Denver, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Spokane on the same work.

Mr. F. G. Smith, of the Chicago office of the Grain Division, has recently returned from a trip to Fargo, N. D., where he conferred with State grain inspection officials.

Dr. F. C. Meier, Pathologist in the New York office of the Inspection Service, visited the Washington office last Tuesday. He is planning to go to Wauchula, Fla., in the near future to continue the investigations of cucumber diseases begun by Dr. Drechsler. Dr. Drechsler will return to New York in order to handle pathological matters connected with the Inspection Service.

Mr. E. W. Baker, in charge of the Live Stock and Meat office at Chicago, spent most of last week in Kansas City assisting in securing photographs to be used in the publications on classification of live stock.

Mr. Howard A. Parker has been appointed Warehouse Inspector with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. He will be engaged in performing work incident to the administration of the United States warehouse Act. He attended the University of Alabama for two years, pursuing courses



leading to a B. S. degree; in 1918 operated a cotton warehouse; was field representative for the Ceylon Company, Birmingham, Ala.; and since 1919 has been Assistant Manager of the Sylacauga Fertilizer Company, operating the Sylacauga Bonded Warehouse.

The temporary appointment of Mr. Arthur F. Stryker, who has been serving as Consulting Expert in Stock Yards Supervision, with headquarters at Omaha, Nebr., since September 14, 1918, has been terminated with the conclusion of the work upon which he was engaged.

The temporary appointment of Mr. David Harrell as Consulting Specialist in Marketing Pure-Bred Live Stock, which position he has held since Dec. 24, 1919, was terminated March 31, as there is no longer any need for his services on this work.

Mr. H. E. Truax, of the Los Angeles office, recently made a trip to Sacramento, Calif. to study methods of grading and handling asparagus.

Mr. R. C. Butner and Dr. G. K. K. Link, of the Chicago office, and Mr. A. D. Gail, Jr., of the New York office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, who have been spending some time in Washington, have returned to their headquarters.

Mr. F. J. Baehler, of the Chicago office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, is spending the week on a trip in the interests of the Inspection Service. He will visit the offices in Kansas City and Omaha.

Three additional clerks have recently been appointed in the Domestic Wool Section. They are, Mrs. Doris S. Ireland, Miss Edith P. McCubbin, and Mrs. M. E. Lawrence.

Mr. H. W. Samson and Mr. H. A. Spilman expect to leave this evening for Cleveland, where they will attend a meeting to be held under the auspices of the National Basket and Fruit Package Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Herbert Graff returned to New York City last week and has resumed his work on the Inspection staff in that city.

Mr. A. C. Poulton and Mr. H. C. Slade, of the Cotton Division, left for Memphis, Tenn., April 2 to inspect cotton standards.

Mr. R. L. Kause, of the Cotton Division, left April 2 for a trip through the South to inspect the condition of sets of cotton standards, which have been in use for some time.

Mr. J. K. Wood, of the Cotton Division, has gone to Baton Rouge, La., to demonstrate the official Government standards and give a short course at the State Agricultural College, which is located there.

Mr. R. C. Miller, of the Grain Division, recently gave a talk on the relation of Federal Wheat grades to milling and baking values to the students of Dunwoody Institute. About 75 students were present. Samples of wheat and type trays were used to illustrate various points in the talk.

Mr. E. N. Bates, of the Portland Supervision office, has been making an extended stay in Minneapolis and is working there on the development of the aspirator.

Mr. E. G. Boerner, of the Washington office of the Grain Division, spent some time last week in Minneapolis conferring with regard to the cleaning of grain, and dockage problems. Mr. Boerner left Minneapolis April 5 for Omaha.

The appointment of Mr. H. T. Hampton, who has been serving as Agent, representing the Cotton Division of this bureau at Hugo, Okla., has been terminated because of the completion of the work upon which he has been engaged.

The appointment of Mr. Emil Schultze, who has been serving as Agent in the Cotton Division of this Bureau since July, 1914, has been terminated because of the completion of the work upon which he has been engaged.

The appointment of Mr. Franklin P. Clodfelter, who has been serving as Agent in this Bureau since August, 1920, with headquarters at Marlin, Tex., has been terminated because of the completion of the work upon which he has been engaged.

Mr. Casper S. Bell, Sampler at the Omaha Office of Federal Grain Supervision, tendered his resignation, effective April 1, 1921.

Mr. Ray F. Gay has been appointed Sampler in the Minneapolis Office of Federal Grain Supervision, effective April 4, 1921.

Mr. John F. Davis has been appointed by the Vocational Board to start training as a Sampler at the St. Louis Office of Federal Grain Supervision. Mr. Davis reported to this office for duty on March 29, 1921.



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# THE BUREAU NEWS

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## 1. LIVE STOCK ESTIMATES ACCURATE.

One of the questions most frequently asked in the Chicago Live Stock Exchange each morning as the hour of 11 approaches is "what's the run for tomorrow?" It is answered by the estimate made by the Live Stock Office of the Bureau of Markets which is posted each market day on the bulletin board of the Exchange. "Ten twenty fifteen," when repeated by the initiated, means that the bureau has estimated that approximately ten thousand cattle, twenty thousand hogs, and fifteen thousand sheep will come into the stock yards for the following day's trading. The estimate is always made in round numbers and always posted in the same order - first cattle, then hogs, then sheep. It is one of the important factors in determining the prices paid for live stock not only in Chicago but at other live stock markets as well.

It is prepared by the Live Stock Division of this bureau from figures furnished by all of the railroads entering Chicago and by applying the law of averages. Reports are received by telephone from the railroads as to the number of carloads of each class and of mixed live stock enroute, or for which cars have been ordered, that should reach the city in time for the next day's trade. From these reports and the records of actual and estimated receipts by days of the week which have been kept since Dec. 15, 1918, when this service was begun by the bureau, it is possible to determine with a high degree of accuracy by 11 a.m. each day the probable number of cars that will arrive for the following day and the average number of animals per car.

A comparison between the present estimates and those released prior to the time that the work was taken over by the Bureau of Markets shows a material decrease in the percentage of error. During the first 23 days of March there were only four instances when the estimates differed from the actual receipts by more than 1,000 head. On nine days the estimate was within 500 head of the actual receipts, which is considered perfect for market reporting purposes.

The reliability of this advance estimate is indicated by its general acceptance by the trade which uses it in daily transactions in the market following its release. It also serves as an indicator to the trade elsewhere and to country shippers as to market prospects for the following day.

The most valuable influence of the estimate is its effect in assisting to stabilize the market. Knowledge obtained from accurate advance estimates permits producers in a great many instances to load or hold back shipments as trade conditions warrant, thereby lessening the probability of supply gluts or shortages. It also assists killers at other points buying on this market in planning where or when to place their orders for supplies, and is of value to local killers and the stock yards company in planning labor needs for the ensuing day.

## 2. FARM LEGISLATION BEING DISCUSSED.

Representatives of a number of farmers' organizations have been meeting in Washington during the past week and have discussed recommendations for a program of legislation on a number of subjects. Among these are taxation, transportation, cooperation, packer control, short time credits and tariff. The organizations represented were: The American Farm Bureau Federation, The National Milk Producers Association, The National Grange, The National Farmers Union, The American Cotton Growers Association, The International Farm Congress and the National Board of Farm Organizations.

## 3. JOINT CONFERENCES WITH BUREAU OF CHEMISTRY CONCLUDED.

The series of joint conferences held by this bureau and the Bureau of Chemistry to make clear the requirements of the food and drugs Act and its relationship to the grain standards Act, have been concluded. These meetings were held in Louisville, Ky., April 5; Cairo, Ill., April 6; Memphis, Tenn., April 7, and in Nashville, Tenn., April 8. It is reported that much interest was displayed by representatives of the trade and results of the conferences were noted in inquiries received later by supervision offices. About thirty-five members of the trade attended the Nashville meeting. Practically every grain firm in the city was represented at the Louisville meeting and Mr. J. D. Turner represented the Kentucky Agricultural Station. This bureau was represented in the conference by Mr. A. W. Herger and Mr. C. L. Finch, of Chicago, and by Division and District Supervisors.

## 4. LIMITS ON USE OF LEASED WIRES FOR MISCELLANEOUS MESSAGES.

Since April 1 the bureau has been attempting to handle over two leased wire circuits the market news services and reports for which four circuits were available up to that time. The full 12 hours for which these circuits are leased daily is scheduled, being taken up almost entirely with daily or other periodical market news reports. Daily records kept of the actual use of the circuits since April 1 show that with such wire trouble as occurs from time to time, the 12-hour period is usually inadequate for handling all of the work regularly

scheduled. The idle time on the wires has been almost entirely eliminated.

Under such conditions the transmittal of any considerable number of miscellaneous messages is impossible. The regularly scheduled news services will not be interrupted for any messages, official or otherwise, except those directly from or to the Chief of the Bureau or those addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture or from him or his immediate office. No messages should be addressed to the Chief of the Bureau which are not of such a nature that they should be brought to his personal attention. Other than these a strictly limited number of miscellaneous official messages may be accepted, always subject to an indefinite period of delay, which in some cases may even extend to a day or more. As a general rule, the miscellaneous telegraphic business of the bureau should be handled over commercial wires, and on account of the additional expense involved such messages should be held to an irreducible minimum.

#### 5. CONCERNING PROMOTIONS.

Recently, in a number of cases, the bureau has received communications from persons outside of the service of the bureau commending certain employees and recommending their promotion. While officials of the bureau are always glad to receive such letters it should be borne in mind that they can have no influence in securing for an employee a promotion at a date earlier than is merited by ability and efficient service in competition with other comparable employees. It is not always possible to secure promotions as rapidly as they are deserved, due to operating restrictions and limitations. However, every effort is being and will be made to secure merited recognition.

It is suggested that all employees, and in particular those clerical employees who were unable to attend the mass meeting of clerical workers held in the National Museum last October, read the article covering the meeting which deals with the matter of promotions and personnel problems contained in Information Circular Vol. III, No. 8, dated October 12, 1920.

#### 6. LITERARY SECTION FORMED IN DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS.

A Literary Section has been formed by the ladies of the Division of Accounts, and meetings will be held each Wednesday from 4.30 to 5.30. At these meetings books are read or reviewed, each member choosing her own particular subject. Among the books that have been read to date are: "The Old Woman Shows Her Medals," (J. M. Barrie), Miss Annie Alves; "The Great Hunger" (Johann Bojer), Miss Jean Henderson; and "The Message to Garcia" (Elbert Hubbard), Miss Adeline Hall. Miss Hall also gave an interesting talk on the home and object of the Roycroft Community. Last



week, Miss Annie Boardman entertained the section at her home and read, "The Luck of Roaring Camp" (Bret Harte). Miss Margaret Lunn has given two readings from the writings of John Burroughs. Miss Louise Bowdler will follow Mrs. Grosvenor, who has charge of the next program.

#### 7. PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

In Circular No. 67, Office of the Secretary, circulated to field offices in the last number of the Bureau News, attention is called to the fact that the Civil Service Commission requires that in recommending the reinstatement of a former employee who has served not less than fifteen years, "the Chief of Bureau will state in the recommendation for reinstatement that the person proposed for reinstatement is physically qualified to perform the duties of the position to which his reinstatement is recommended." It will therefore be necessary that the statement as to physical qualifications required by the Commission shall be included in every sub-request or recommendation covering the reinstatement of a person who has had fifteen years or more of service in the Federal Government (including military and naval service).

#### 8. MINNESOTA GRAIN INSPECTION FORCE GREATLY REDUCED.

Due to the bankruptcy of the Minnesota State Grain Inspection Department, it has been necessary during the past month to lay off a large number of grain samplers and clerks, as well as grain inspectors. Most of the regular grain inspectors will be given a month's leave of absence without pay, about a dozen of them to begin this involuntary suspension of activities the middle of this month. As receipts are not heavy at this time, it is not likely that there will be any slowing up of inspection work.

#### 9. DEPARTMENTAL CLUB IN BUFFALO.

A Department of Agriculture Club was formed April 6, in Buffalo, N. Y., by representatives of the five bureaus of the Department having offices in that city. The organization was effected at a luncheon held for the purpose. Mr. David Cuthbertson, of the Weather Bureau, was elected President and Mr. E. E. Conklin, Jr., of the Bureau of Markets, Secretary. It is expected that the club will meet regularly in the future. The following were present at the organization meeting: Mr. David Cuthbertson, Mr. George Sager, and Mr. J. F. Hurley, of the Weather Bureau; Mr. H. H. Wagner, Mr. W. C. Taber, and Mr. W. C. Miller, of the Bureau of Chemistry; Mr. B. P. Wende, of the Bureau of Animal Industry; Mr. R. F. Fricke, of the States Relation Service, and Mr. J. T. Cavanagh, Mr. E. C. Noll, and Mr. E. E. Conklin, Jr., of the Bureau of Markets. The objects of the club are to secure a greater degree of cooperation among representatives of the various bureaus, to

facilitate the exchange of views and the dissemination of information of value to the general public emanating either from the office of the Secretary of Agriculture or any of the local offices.

10. TURN IN WESTERN UNION CARDS, PLEASE.

Members of the bureau staff are requested to turn their Western Union cards in to the heads of the divisions with which they are connected. The issuance of these cards has been discontinued and the regular departmental identification cards will be issued in lieu thereof when requested. These will be honored by agents of the Western Union in the same manner as their own identification cards were formerly honored. The following statement taken from a letter written by the Western Union Company has been sent to Bureau Chiefs and Division Heads by Mr. R. M. Reese:

"Arrangements have been perfected with the executive departments and establishments of the Government effective March 1, 1921, under which Government employees on travel status will pay in cash at Government rates for their official messages at the time of filing, taking a receipt for reimbursements, and it is requested that all unused Government rate cards which you have on hand be returned to us.

"These cards will no longer be necessary as this company's instructions will provide for the acceptance of Government messages generally at all of its offices when endorsed "official business", and upon the reasonable identification of the sender by means of credentials customarily supplied by the Government to employees of travel status, which will obviate the necessity for cards heretofore used."

11. SINGLE COPY OF INTRABUREAU MEMORANDA.

Hereafter no file carbon will be made of intrabureau memoranda when both sender and receiver are located in the Washington offices. The dictator's and stenographer's initials will be placed on the ribbon copy, and the viscer's stamp, indicating that the memorandum has been checked, will be placed on the back. When such memoranda have received attention they will be sent to the bureau files.

12. IN THE LIBRARY.

Following are the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending April 11:

American Belgian Chamber of Commerce in Belgium,  
Bulletin...Jan. 15, 1921.

Chicago Board of Trade. Annual Report ... 1920.

Duluth Board of Trade. Annual Report ... 1920.  
1921.

Maryland Agricultural Society. Report ... 1920.  
1921. Contains several marketing articles.  
Two of them are by W. A. Sherman.

Moscow Narodny Bank. The Moscow Narodny Bank;  
Its History and Achievements. 1912-1917.

New Orleans Board of Trade. Annual Report ... 1920.  
1921.

Rotterdam Cotton Association. Report ... 1920 - 1921.

Schurz, W. L. Paraguay. A Commercial Handbook.  
1920. (U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic  
Commerce. Special agents series. No. 199) .

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on Agriculture.  
Extension of the food-control Act. Hearings ...  
66th Congress, 1st Session, on H. R. 10376. 1919.

Young, A. N. Spanish Finance and Trade. 1920.  
(U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.  
Special agents series. No. 202)

EFFICIENCY

13. The following paragraphs describe a pending or follow-up file in use in one of the administrative offices of the bureau, which with simplifications or modifications is also used in some of the other bureau offices and generally in other Government and commercial organizations. It consists principally of one folder for each month of the year and one for each day of the month. Papers which require attention at any future time are filed in the proper folder. If this is a later date in the current month they are filed in the folder for that day of the



month. If it is for a future month they are placed in the folder for that month, and on the first day of the month either given attention or placed in the proper day folder. This file also contains various folders for papers of certain special classes. These folders are of heavier material and of a different color. Most of the subjects for these special folders pertain to the work of the officer in whose desk they are filed. One, however, is a general purpose folder which might be used by anyone, and that is the dictation folder where letters are accumulated for the dictation of replies.

This particular file is installed in a so-called "FlexiFile". This "FlexiFile" is a device equipped with rods which slide in grooves, and cloth containers for the folders are suspended from the rods. This device utilizes all of the space in the drawer compartment in which it is placed. In this specific case it is placed in a wide drawer so that papers are filed parallel with the long axis to the drawer, thus making it very easy for any person seated at the desk to refer instantly to any part of the file. The FlexiFile slides readily in its grooves, making it possible by a mere touch to open any folder instantly. Any spare space can be made available instantly for opening the folder desired. Heavy catalogs and the thinnest sheets of paper can be filed side by side and both stand flat without any bending or curling whatever. This "FlexiFile" was secured from the "Flexi-File" Manufacturing Company, of 115 East South Water Street, Chicago, Ill. Descriptive literature and a blank for measurements may be found in the office appliance files of the central office of the Branch of Operation. It is too expensive for use for general correspondence files, but is well worth while in a file of the kind described.

A supplement to this pending file for letters, memoranda, and other papers of a similar size is a 5 x 3 current index box in another drawer of the desk, with indexed cards for the various months of the year and numbered cards for the days of the month. Written memoranda in regard to matters to be given attention in the future are written on paper bound in 5 x 3 in. paper pads; the sheet detached and filed as may be necessary behind a guide bearing the date of the month or the guide designating the day of a month as indicated for papers in the file described above.

These files are in the desk of Mr. R. V. Bailey and may be examined at any time.

#### BUREAU BRIEVITIES

14. THE BUREAU OF MARKET'S DANCE held last Friday evening in the Park Savings Bank Hall, at Fourteenth and Kenyon Streets, was attended by about sixty couples. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook, and Mr. and Mrs. Morrill received. The hall was decorated and refreshments were served.

15. THE CONSOLIDATED APPLE GROWERS' EXCHANGE has been organized in Georgia with a capital stock of \$10,000, and will be operated on a nonprofit plan. Patronage dividends will be paid on the basis of the volume of business transacted for each member. The organization was made by about seventy-five apple growers who manage over fifty per cent of the acreage of apples grown in northeastern Georgia. Mr. F. S. Ruggles, of the Division of Cooperative Marketing, and Mr. Elmo Ragsdale, Extension Agent in Marketing in Georgia, assisted in the organization.
16. BETTER MARKETING PRACTICES have made possible the reduction of losses to egg shippers in Oregon. Losses of 61-3/4 dozen broken and short, and 519 dozen wet out of the 198,900 shipped by a cooperative society, were reported between Aug. 1 and Dec. 31, 1920. During the first two months of the present year only 9-1/2 dozen were lost out of a total shipment of 146,280 dozen. Dr. Hector Macpherson, Research Agent in Marketing in the State of Oregon, has been making special studies of egg shipments.
17. "INQUIRIES FROM FOREIGN BUYERS FOR SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN under Federal Grades are apparently growing stronger" is a statement made in the last number of the Pacific Coast Division letter. "This office has had several inquiries the past few weeks concerning the possibility of shipping wheat, basis Federal grades. Two local exporters have expressed themselves as being strongly in favor of shipping all their wheat on Federal grades."
18. MEMORANDUM NO. 337 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY is being circulated to field offices with this number of the Bureau News. It contains "Extracts from appropriation acts for 1922\*\*\*\*\*and special acts passed by the 66th Congress\*\*\*\*\*which relate directly or indirectly to the Department of Agriculture or which may be of general interest to the employees thereof."
19. THE CHICAGO OFFICE OF FEDERAL GRAIN SUPERVISION issued two federal appeal grade certificates April 12, covering 90,000 and 10,000 bushels of No. 3 Yellow Corn for shipment by water to Buffalo. While this office has been handling a large volume of appeal work this spring, the above mentioned certificates are the first issued this year to cover lake shipments.
20. THE LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA has passed a bill providing that five or more persons engaged in the production of agricultural products may form a nonprofit cooperative association with or without capital stock. A warehouse system has also been established for the state by act of legislature.

21. A SMALL REPRINT OF DEPARTMENT BULLETIN 574, "The Conversion of the Weights of Mechanical Separations of Corn, Wheat, and Other Grains into Percentages" has been made. Copies will be sent to any one making a request to the Washington office of the Grain Division.
22. A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF COOPERATIVE GRAIN MARKETING in the United States and in Canada is made in Department Bulletin 937 just published. A full description is given of methods used in the two countries and specific comparisons and conclusions are drawn. Mr. J. M. Mehl is the author.
23. A SERIES OF FIFTY-FIVE GRAPHS SHOWING production, imports, exports, and prices of agricultural commodities, has been prepared for the use of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, by the Division of Market Statistics and Foreign Markets.
24. TWENTY-NINE SAMPLES OF ONION SEED were recently tested for germination by the Seed Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture and by two commercial seed laboratories, and the three agencies reached practically the same conclusions. The tests ran 85, 86, and 87.
25. INSPECTIONS OF BUTTER ARE NOW BEING MADE FOR THE United States Marine Corps in Washington, D. C. by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products.

#### PERSONALS

Mr. L. E. Tenny, of the Division of Cooperative Relations, returned April 13 from a trip in the course of which he went to Albany, N. Y. to confer with Governor Miller of that State concerning cooperative work on market news service. From there he went to Chicago to attend meetings of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers' and Grain Growers' organizations of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. R. L. Newton, of the Warehouse Division, has gone to Oklahoma and Texas to work out plans for licensing cotton warehouses in the coming season, in cooperation with State agencies and farm organizations. He will also attend to some routine matters connected with the warehouses that have already been licensed in that section.

Mr. L. A. Larsen, ex-service man, reported at Spokane on March 28 for vocational training in grain sampling and grading.

Mr. Harold Anderson, in charge of the Baltimore Office of Federal Grain Supervision, spent the day in Washington on April 8.

Messrs. F. L. Wallace and F. C. Hammer attended the 15th annual Farmers' Week Meeting at the College of Agriculture of the University



of Maine, Orono, Me., March 26 to April 1, 1921, for the purpose of demonstrating Federal grades for grain.

On April 11, Mr. E. G. Boerner returned to Washington after attending the grain supervision conference relative to the formulation of grades for rye and grain sorghums. Mr. Boerner also visited Minneapolis, Duluth, Omaha, Kansas City, and St. Louis where arrangements were made for experiments relative to grain cleaning at time of threshing and for flax standardization investigations.

Mr. G. A. Collier, of the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, returned yesterday from a trip to the Southwest, Northwest, and Pacific Coast points where he obtained voluntary correspondents for the market news work and also collected samples of hay and investigated hay marketing practices in those sections.

Mr. G. C. Wheeler, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, will leave today for a trip through the Pacific Northwest. He will study the direction and movement of feedstuffs in that territory and make arrangements with mills and other agencies to furnish the bureau with reports. Much of the data that he will collect will be used in connection with a bulletin on "Feed Marketing."

Mr. G. T. Willingmyre spent last week in Virginia conferring with wool men relative to the 1918 wool clip.

Mr. H. J. Besley was a visitor at the Minneapolis office of the Grain Division April 7 and 8.

Mr. J. L. Flenner, a disabled soldier, has taken up training in sampling and grain grading in the Minneapolis Supervision office.

Mr. F. S. Ruggles, of the Cooperative Marketing Division, expects to leave Washington April 20 for a trip through the South, in the course of which he will visit points in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Mr. E. B. Ballow, of the Cost of Marketing Division, who has been in the field since January, has returned to Washington. Mr. Ballow visited points in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana, making a study of the cost of marketing milk. He will assist in the preparation of statistics for a bulletin on the cost of marketing milk.

Miss Rosalie T. Scott, of the Atlanta office of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, who was seriously injured in an automobile collision a few weeks ago, has recovered from her injuries sufficiently to be able to return to her work.

Mr. P. M. Williams, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, spent last week in Atlanta making his headquarters in the office of Mr. T. C. Curry of that Division. Mr. Williams and Mr. Curry attended a meeting for the discussion of the Sapiro plan, April 12.

Mr. F. G. Croul, in charge of the administration of the United States warehouse Act at Atlanta, visited Arlington, Ga., April 11, for the purpose of checking up the McGee and Cowart Warehouse that was completely destroyed by fire March 28. Mr. Croul advises that 386 bales of cotton and a considerable amount of peanuts were destroyed.

Mr. Elmo Ragsdale, Extension Field Agent, University of Georgia, Athens, visited the Atlanta office April 11.

Mr. G. C. Franks, Grain Supervisor of the Chicago Federal Grain Supervision office, spent the week ending April 19 visiting grain inspection points within the Chicago district for the purpose of conferring with licensed inspectors upon grain grading matters.

Mr. D. L. James, Assistant in Marketing Dairy Products, left Washington last Thursday for Wilmington, Del., where he will confer with the Dean and Director of the Delaware Agricultural Experimental Station and milk dealers regarding a survey of the milk marketing situation at Wilmington.

Mr. Roy C. Potts, Specialist in Charge of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, left Washington last Monday for a western trip. Mr. Potts will confer with the officials of the Southern Illinois Milk Producers' Association at St. Louis, Mo., with the bureau representatives at Chicago, and with officers of dairy marketing associations in Little Rock, Ark., and Louisville, Ky.

Mr. L. M. Davis, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, returned to Washington last Monday after a trip to Philadelphia and New York, where he conferred with branch office representatives of the bureau and also with butter inspectors.

Mr. E. W. Stillwell, who has been making practical tests of the tentative grades for tomatoes at Miami during the past month, went to Wauchula, Fla., last Friday and will spend some time there cooperating with Mr. Bier. Both Mr. Bier and Mr. Stillwell will return to Washington within the next two weeks.

Mr. S. A. Wolfe, of the section compiling the mail reports of shipments of fruits and vegetables, has been transferred to the Public Health Service. He will be succeeded by Mr. T. A. Riley, who has already reported for duty.

Mr. T. Roy Reid, Extension Agent in Marketing, of Little Rock, Ark., has been transferred to the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture located at Fayetteville, Ark. He will, however, remain in Little Rock and will devote his attention to live stock work.

Mr. H. A. Marks has been reinstated as a Truck Crop Specialist, effective April 4, and will promote the cooperative truck crop work of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. Mr. Marks is a graduate of Syracuse University and was appointed to the Bureau of Crop Estimates as Assistant Truck Crop Specialist in 1917, after a previous service of approximately ten years in the Weather Bureau as Assistant Observer and Observer.

Mr. W. A. Sherman has returned to Washington from a trip last week through the Middle West.

Dr. G. K. K. Link, of the Inspection Service, left yesterday for a southern trip. He will visit the Atlanta office first and later the New Orleans office.

Mr. O. D. Miller left Washington last Saturday for the strawberry section of Arkansas to open a temporary field station in connection with the news service on strawberries.

News has been received of the death of the mother of Mr. F. J. Baehler, of the Chicago office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division. Mr. Baehler spent last week at the Kansas City office but has since gone to Dubuque, Iowa, his mother's former home.

Mr. E. M. Seifert, Jr., of the Spokane office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, will go to Los Angeles this week to substitute for Mr. Law, who will take annual leave during the last two weeks of April.

Mr. V. D. Callanan, who operated the Presque Isle office of the market news service, is now assisting with the work of the Washington office.

Mr. W. E. Harrison has resumed charge of the market reporting work in Baltimore and Mr. W. O. Smith, Jr., who substituted for Mr. Harrison for about ten days, has returned to Washington.

Mr. Elwood A. Harrison has been appointed clerk-typist in the Chicago office succeeding Miss Maude A. Traylor.



# THE BUREAU NEWS

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## 1. SINGLE SET OF STANDARDS FOR WORLD TRADE IN AMERICAN COTTON.

Mr. Chester Morrill, Assistant Chief of the bureau, and Mr. W. R. Meadows, Head of the Cotton Division, will attend sessions of the World's Cotton Conference to be held June 13 to 22 in Liverpool, England. Mr. Meadows will read a paper before the Conference on "Universal Standards for American Cotton." It is hoped that a single set of standards for the world trade in American cotton will be adopted as a result of this conference. It is thought that the time and place of the Conference are both propitious for attaining this result because the entire cotton industry from grower to consumer, will be represented and all phases of the problem can be discussed at the same time. The dominance of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange in the cotton trade will also be an important factor in establishing any cotton standards. The exact method of reaching this result cannot now be foreseen but any action taken will be subject to the approval of Secretary Wallace.

Mr. Meadows and Mr. Morrill will leave about June 1 and will sail from New York. This meeting will be the second one held by the World's Cotton Conference, the first having taken place in New Orleans, La., in October, 1919.

## 2. SHIP TO BECOME A LABORATORY.

The Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Steamship Co. is now contemplating arrangements to equip the S. S. Charles H. Cramp and adapt it for use as a practical laboratory in which the shipping of citrus fruits and apples from the Pacific coast to eastern markets by way of the Panama Canal can be studied. The plans have been worked out in cooperation with the Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables Project of this bureau. Every effort will be made to equip the ship with up-to-date apparatus for the thorough study of the problem of this method of transportation. The cargo space will be divided into different compartments in which different sets of conditions can be produced and controlled. It will also be possible to make records under variable transit conditions. Some factors that enter into the transportation of fruits and vegetables through the canal are temperature, ventilation, humidity and other air conditions, such as the accumulation of gases and aeration. Various degrees of ventilation and refrigeration will be studied.

Oranges, lemons and apples will be the principal fruits to be transported in the Cramp which will operate between the Pacific and Atlantic

coasts while the tests are being made. Several of the American steamship lines are interested in the economical fitting out of ships to engage in the transportation of perishable fruits and vegetables by way of the Canal to Atlantic coast ports and to Europe.

3. BILLS INTRODUCED DURING PRESENT SESSION OF CONGRESS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

H. R. 2373, introduced by Mr. Volstead, and  
S. 983, introduced by Mr. Capper,

Bills to authorize association of producers of agricultural products.

S. J. Res. 6, introduced by Mr. Poindexter,

A joint resolution creating a budget committee.

H. R. 30, introduced by Mr. Good,

A bill to provide a national budget system.

S. 13 introduced by Mr. Sterling and

H. R. 2487 introduced by Mr. Fairfield,

Bills providing for the reclassification of civilian positions.

A bill for the same purpose was also introduced in the Senate by Mr. Smoot, but was ordered to lie over for a day, pending settlement of disagreement as to whether such bills should be referred to the Appropriations Committee or to the Committee on Civil Service.

H. R. 282 introduced by Mr. Hutchinson,

H. R. 2297 introduced by Mr. Sabath,

S. 812 introduced by Mr. Frelinghuysen,

S. 326 introduced by Mr. McKellar,

All bills for the purpose of regulating cold storage.

H. R. 2429, introduced by Mr. Nolan,

A bill to fix the compensation of certain employees.

H. R. 68, introduced by Mr. French,

To prevent speculation for the purpose of cornering the market.

- S. 385 introduced by Mr. Dial, and  
H. R. 2238 introduced by Mr. Oliver

To amend the cotton futures Act.

- S. 321 by Mr. McKellar

A bill to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out investigations of causes and means of prevention of fires and dust explosions.

- H. R. 2341 by Mr. Sumners

A bill authorizing and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a farm produce exchange.

- S. 399 by Mr. Caraway

A bill to prevent the sale of grain and cotton in future markets.

- S. 593 by Mr. Capper, and

- H. R. 2363 by Mr. Tincher

Bills taxing contracts for the sale of grain for future delivery, and options for such contracts, and providing for the regulation of boards of trade, and for other purposes.

- H. R. 2364 by Mr. Tincher

A bill to provide for the storage of certain grain under Federal custody, the issue of receipts therefor, etc.

- H. R. 2331, by Mr. Steenerson

A bill to regulate grain exchanges.

- H. R. 168 by Mr. Dickinson, and

- H. R. 261 by Mr. Haugen

Bills to regulate future trading in grain.

- H. R. 232 by Mr. Anderson

Bill to promote agriculture by regulating the distribution of live stock products, dairy products, poultry and eggs, etc.



H. R. 14 by Mr. Haugen

Bill to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in live stock, live stock products, dairy products, etc.

H. R. 4134 by Mr. Young

Bill to provide further for securing and disseminating information concerning the supply and demand in foreign countries for American agricultural products.

S. 527 by Mr. Owen

A bill to establish an interstate marketing system.

S. 659 by Mr. Norris

A bill to establish a Federal Live Stock Commission.

H. R. 2912 by Mr. Sinclair

A bill to provide for fixing and stabilizing the price of agricultural products.

H. R. 4112 by Mr. Raker

A bill to establish a standard box for apples and for other purposes.

S. 682 by Mr. Kenyon

A bill to amend certain sections of the warehouse Act.

H. R. 2343 by Mr. Swank

A bill providing that the United States shall build warehouses, etc.

H. R. 233 by Mr. Anderson

A bill to amend the interstate commerce Act, so as to require carriers to supply necessary warehouse facilities, etc.

H. R. 3193 by Mr. Johnson.

A bill to repeal and annul certain parts of the charter and lease granted and made to the Washington Market Co., etc.

S. 799 by Mr. Capper, and  
H. R. 64 by Mr. French

Bills to prevent deceit and unfair prices that result from unrevealed presence of substitutes for virgin wool in woven fabrics purporting to contain wool, etc.

4. MINNESOTA DELEGATION TO DISCUSS WHEAT GRADES.

Secretary Wallace will receive a delegation from Minnesota tomorrow, April 27, 1921, at 2 p.m. and will hold a hearing on changes that have been requested in the requirements of the Federal wheat grades, with particular reference to the grades on Hard Red Spring wheat. It is understood that the delegation is coming because of action recently taken by the Minnesota legislature looking to the re-establishment of former Minnesota State grades, in case the Federal grades remain unchanged. The Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce will be represented at the hearing as well as commission houses and millers organizations. Among the delegates from Minnesota will be: Mr. O.B.P. Jacobson, State Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner; Mr. George Tunelle, Chief of the State Grain Inspection Department; Mr. A. F. Evanson, a member of the Board of Grain Appeals and a committee of three from each house of the State legislature. In addition to these representatives from Minnesota, it is understood that others will be here from Montana, Idaho, Washington, and North and South Dakota, as well as the Chief Inspectors from Baltimore and Philadelphia. The Secretary will not announce a decision until the matter has been fully considered.

5. MARKET INFORMATION TO HANDLE ALL RADIO NEWS SERVICE.

Mr. W. A. Wheeler, who has recently returned from a trip to St. Louis and Omaha to inaugurate the Radio Market News Service at these points, reports very favorably upon the results that have been obtained during the first few days that the service has been in operation at these points. He has stated that because of the novelty of this kind of service there is a possible danger of some persons undertaking to handle and disseminate market news by this method before considering fully all of the possibilities and limitations of radio communication. In the interests of correlation and the elimination of duplication it is requested that all matters pertaining to the dissemination of market news by radio, be taken up with the Division of Market Information at Washington before any arrangements are consummated to furnish market reports to radio disseminating agencies or before entering into any kind of cooperation in this matter. If anything has already been done by any of the other divisions of the bureau, in this direction, it is requested that a full report of actions taken and of reports handled be made to Mr. Wheeler at the earliest possible date. Confusion and duplication of reports and efforts are sure to result unless all matters of this kind are handled by one division of the bureau.

6. MR. ESTABROOK INVITES SUGGESTIONS.

Mr. L. M. Estabrook, who is now Associate Chief of the Bureau of Markets, is working on plans for the effective combination of the two bureaus, and has written the following letter in which he asks for suggestions as to the successful accomplishment of the consolidation:

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICERS  
AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU OF MARKETS.

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, provides that the Bureau of Markets and the Bureau of Crop Estimates shall be consolidated on July 1, 1921. One of the arguments in favor of this consolidation was the possibility of eliminating duplication of effort and unnecessary expense by the forces of the two bureaus both in Washington and in the field. My object in transferring to the Bureau of Markets prior to July 1 was to have an opportunity to become familiar with the organization, the work, the personnel and the equipment of the Bureau of Markets, with a view to working out in advance the details necessary to effect the consolidation in such a way that the forces and equipment of the two bureaus can be brought together at the beginning of the next fiscal year without friction or confusion and that thereafter the functions of the different organization units will be so coordinated that the important work of the combined bureau will proceed harmoniously, effectively, and economically. In bringing about such a combination it is necessary to consider such matters as the proper function of each organization unit, the qualifications of the personnel, especially project leaders and specialists in the Washington office and in the field, their location, equipment and facilities for collecting and disseminating information, the maximum work that can be carried on with the funds available, and the possibilities of future development with a view to improving and extending the service. These are subjects in which every project leader and specialist in the bureau should be interested, and I am sure that many of them, because of their experience and intimate knowledge of the organization, personnel and practical conditions, are in a position to make valuable suggestions. I shall be glad, therefore, to have the cooperation and assistance of all bureau employees in the form of constructive suggestions which will be helpful in making the best combination of the two bureaus for efficient and satisfactory service.

(Signed) Leon M. Estabrook,  
Associate Chief of Bureau.



## 7. EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE TO MEET MAY 2.

The semi-annual session of the Efficiency Committee of the bureau will begin May 2. The Committee will consist of Mr. R. V. Bailey, the permanent chairman; Mr. C. W. Kitchen, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, and Mr. G. W. Morrison, of the Grain Division, the senior members; and Mr. Stephen Bray, of the Division of Live Stock, Meats and Wool, and Mr. C. E. Gage, of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, who have recently been appointed.

Each salary class as arranged by this Committee will include employees of both bureaus. The register so established will be effective for the six months beginning June 1, 1921. During June, the last month of the current fiscal year, each bureau will fill such statutory positions as may be vacated by the promotion of the clerk of that bureau who stands the highest in the next lower salary class. Beginning with the first of the new fiscal year, July 1, 1921, the promotions to vacancies in any salary class on the combined register will be made from the employees who stand highest in the next lower class, without regard to the bureau in which they were employed previously, the two bureaus, the two statutory rolls, and the two efficiency registers then being combined in one.

## 8. DISTRIBUTION WORK IN THE DOMESTIC WOOL SECTION.

The week ending April 16 was the record week in the Domestic Wool Section in the matter of distributing refunded excess profits on 1918 wool. During that week 11,645 checks representing \$53,183.06 were mailed out to growers. The total number of refund checks which have been mailed out to date is 54,492 which distributed excess profits amounting to \$185,463.66. It will be noted, therefore, that more than one-fifth of the total number of checks and one-fourth of the total amount of money was distributed during that one week. The distribution of refunds was begun last October. The record made during that week, however, was due to an accumulation of checks received from the disbursing office and the special effort made to bring the work up to date.

Up to this time \$563,116.54 has been received from wool dealers as excess profits to be distributed to the growers. Pending excess profits cases involve an additional minimum amount of \$581,600.27 due the Government, which will make the total refund from wool dealers \$1,149,716.81. This represents the excess profits thus far ascertained and demanded from 63 central dealers and 953 country dealers. According to the reports submitted by wool dealers, only 38% of the central dealers and 20% of the country dealers made excess profits on their 1918 transactions.

9. VISITORS INVITED TO NOTIFY DEPARTMENTAL CLUBS.

A directory of the officers of the Departmental clubs organized at various points throughout the country is given below. A number of these clubs have asked that notice of visits contemplated by Government officials be given, so that arrangements may be made for luncheon meetings to include the visitors or for special addresses.

# DIRECTORY OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CLUBS

Alabama Club, Birmingham.	Dr. C. J. Becker, Pres. c/o Bur. of Animal Industry Birmingham, Ala.	E. C. Horton, Sec'y, c/o Weather Bureau, Birmingham, Ala.
Albuquerque Club	F.C.W. Pooler, Chairman c/o Forest Service, Albuquerque, N. M.	G. L. Crawford, Sec'y, c/o States Relations Service, Albuquerque.
Atlanta Club,	E. B. Seeds, Grain Supervisor, 1712 Citizens & Southern Bank Building, Atlanta, Ga.	
BALTUSDA CLUB, Baltimore.	D. M. Walsh, Chief, Baltimore Station, Bureau of Chemistry, Baltimore, Md.	
Buffalo Club,	David Cuthbertson, Pres., c/o U. S. Weather Bureau, Buffalo, N. Y.	E. E. Conklin, Jr., Sec'y, Food Products Inspector, Bureau of Markets, 232 Federal Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.
Cincinnati Club,	L. B. Forst, Chief, Cincinnati Station, 411 Government Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.	
Denver Club,	A. S. Peck, Chairman, District Forester, New Federal Bldg., Denver, Colo.	W. F. Heppe, Sec'y, Bureau of Markets, Denver, Colo.
Louisiana Club, New Orleans.	Dr. I. M. Cline, Pres., c/o U. S. Weather Bureau, New Orleans, La.	M. C. Virgin, Sec'y, P. O. Box 95, New Orleans, La.

NYUSDA CLUB, New York City.	Harry B. Shaw, Pres., Pathological Inspector in Charge, Fed. Hort. Board, 305 Custom House, N.Y.C.	N. L. Townsend, Sec'y- Treas., c/o Meat Inspec- tion Service, B.A.I., New York City.
Portland Club	George H. Cecil, Chairman, District Forester, Portland, Ore.	
San Francisco Club	Paul G. Redington, Chairman, District Forester, Ferry Building, San Francisco, Calif.	H. P. Dechant, Sec'y, Solicitor's Office, San Francisco, Calif.

10. MOTION PICTURE OF THE BEGINNING OF THE AIR MAIL RADIO SERVICE.

A motion picture of the inauguration of the Air Mail Radio Service was taken Friday morning, April 22, on the eighth floor of the Post Office Building. The "actors" were Secretary Wallace, Postmaster General Hays, and a number of representatives of various departments particularly interested in this service. Mr. W. A. Wheeler of the Division of Market Information represented the Bureau of Markets. The "plot" was very simple consisting chiefly of a conversation between the Secretary and the Postmaster General and the sending of a message from the key board by Mr. Hays. Music was furnished for the occasion by wireless from the Bureau of Standards. Several commercial firms "shot" the picture, which will be distributed through the various news service companies.

11. OTHER JOINT CONFERENCES TO BE HELD.

General Field Headquarters of the Grain Division has been invited to participate in conferences to be held, beginning April 27, by inspectors and chemists of the Bureau of Chemistry in the Central District, with particular reference to the question of adequately supervising the traffic in grains, and the necessary cooperation between the bureaus to bring about that effect. This invitation is the result of the recent joint conferences in Louisville, Cairo, Memphis and Nashville. (Grain project letter, April 15)

12. DEFICIENCY PRINTING ITEM REQUESTED.

The Secretary of Agriculture has authorized a request for a deficiency printing item of \$175,000. If this money is made available it will be possible to send manuscripts to press as rapidly as prepared during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Last year the deficiency item became available so late that it could not all be used. To make the best possible use of the funds all authors are requested to verify and return proofs in the shortest practicable time.



13. IN THE LIBRARY.

Among the accessions to the Department Library, of interest to the bureau, for the week ending April 18th, are the following:

Alexandria General Produce Association. Bulletin  
Annual des Cotons et des Graines de Coton...  
1919/20. 1920.

Andes, Louis Edgar. Animal Fats and Oils, their  
Practical Production, Properties, Falsification  
and Examination. 1920.

Carter, H. R. Spinning and Twisting of Long  
Vegetable Fibres...1919.

Coelho de Souza, W. W. Possibilities of the Cotton  
Culture in Brazil. 1920.

Connecticut Vegetable Growers' Association.  
Report...1917-1919. 1918-1920.

Denver Commercial. Annual Review, 1920-1921.

Hinckes, R. T. World's Wheat Problem. Will the  
Guarantee Help to Solve it? 1920.

International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners'  
and Manufacturers' Association. International  
Cotton Statistics. Consumption of Cotton for  
Half Year ending 31st January 1921 and Stocks  
of Cotton in Spinners' hands on 1st February  
1921. 1921.

The Journal of Commerce of Victoria and Melbourne  
Price Current (Monthly), April 7, 1920 - date.

Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture and Immigration.  
Feed Stuffs Report...Report of Analyses of Com-  
mercial Feed Stuffs. 1920.

New Zealand Farmers' Cooperative Association of  
Canterbury, Ltd. Report and Statement of  
Accounts...1916-17. 1917.

Todd, J. A. Comparative Prices of Egyptian and  
American Cotton...1920.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

14. THE FORT WORTH OFFICE OF THE INSPECTION SERVICE will be closed for the next few months. Mr. M. C. Gregory, who has been Inspector at this point, will go to Kansas City and will relieve Inspector L. G. Schultz there while the latter takes annual leave. The Idaho Falls office of Market News Service on fruits and vegetables closed Friday, April 15. Mr. H. A. Harris, who operated this station for seven months, will prepare a summary of the deal and then take some annual leave. Because there are no men available for the work, the field service on strawberries at Dayton, Tenn., will not be operated this season.

15. MR. CHUNJEN J. CHEN OF THE CHINESE COTTON MILL OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Shanghai, has recently visited the offices of the Bureau of Markets and the Bureau of Crop Estimates. He has been formulating a plan for undertaking cotton reporting in China, and while here made a special study of cotton statistics. Mr. Chen is a graduate of Cornell University. He will take charge of cotton breeding work at thirty-three stations upon his return to China.

16. UP TO THE PRESENT TIME \$959.20 HAS BEEN COLLECTED in the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of continuing the work of serving suppers to the soldier, sailor and marine patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. It is believed that the \$1,000 needed to continue this work for a period of one year, will be raised within a few days. One hundred and fifty seven dollars and twenty cents of this amount was contributed by members of the staff of the Bureau of Markets.

17. A JOINT ARKANSAS STRAWBERRY REPORT AND 1921 FORECAST has been issued by Mr. C. S. Bouton, of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, and Mr. Turner Wright, Agent in Marketing of the Bureau of Markets. The principal features of the report are: a table of shipping point information and a distribution report showing destinations by States and number of cars to each, of strawberry shipments from Arkansas during the 1920 season.

18. A FULLY ILLUSTRATED FARMERS' BULLETIN, No. 1196, has just been published on "Standard Containers for Fruits and Vegetables." The investigations on which this bulletin is based were planned and conducted by Mr. F. P. Downing. Mr. H. W. Samson prepared the material for publication after Mr. Downing's resignation.

19. THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO AT MOSCOW is soon to offer a course in grain grading, and Professor H. W. Hurlburt of that institution has recently visited the Spokane office of the Grain Division in order to obtain material to be used in this connection. Arrangements were also made at the same time to bring the class to that office in the near future for practical demonstrations in grading.

20. THE DEPARTMENT DUCKPIN BOWLING LEAGUE season ended last Thursday evening. The teams finished as follows: Plant Industry, States Relations, Farm Management, Markets, Soils, Chemistry, Roads and Solicitors.

21. BRANCH OFFICE DIRECTORY:

Cleveland, Ohio. Eliminate Market News Service on Fruits and Vegetables.

Detroit, Mich. Eliminate Market News Service on Fruits and Vegetables.

PERSONALS

Mr. Chester Morrill, Assistant Chief of the Bureau, left last week for a trip through the South in the course of which he will visit Memphis, Tenn., Dallas, Tex., New Orleans, La., and Charlotte, S. C. At Memphis he will attend a meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation and at the other points will visit branch offices and consult with members of the cotton quotation service.

Mr. W. A. Wheeler, of the Division of Market Information, has returned to Washington after a trip through the Middle West on which he visited a number of points in connection with the installation of the Air Mail Radio Service.

Dr. Camp, a lecturer at the University of California, recently visited the Spokane office of the Grain Division in company with Mr. R. H. Elsworth of Washington, D. C.

Mr. George T. Willingmyre, of the Wool Section, has recently returned from a trip to Roanoke, Va., where he conferred with State Wool Marketing officials and also addressed a meeting of wool growers in regard to marketing the 1921 Virginia wool clip.

Mr. Clyde O. Thomas, telegrapher in the Omaha Livestock Branch office, died in Fenger Hospital in that city, April 18. He was granted leave of absence April 11 to undergo a serious surgical operation. His death resulted from post-operative pneumonia. Mr. Thomas was a skillful and efficient telegrapher, and uniformly courteous and agreeable under all conditions. His death is a material loss to the telegraph service and is deeply regretted by all who knew him.

Mr. E. N. Bates, Investigator in Grain Handling of the Portland Supervision office, has returned to Portland after a visit to Chicago in connection with the aspirator which he has invented and which is to be used on thrashing machines.



Mr. G. S. Meloy, of the Cotton Division, has gone to South Carolina in the interests of the work of that division.

Mr. H. W. Samson, of the Grades and Standards Project, expects to leave Washington about the middle of this week on a month's trip to Texas and the Pacific coast. He will spend some time in Austin, Tex., cooperating with officials of the Texas Department of Agriculture in the revision of their grades and standards for fruits and vegetables as well as containers for these products. Mr. Samson will then visit the Los Angeles office and while in California will also confer with State officials regarding grades and standards. He will later hold similar conferences in the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. P. M. Williams, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, is spending a few weeks in the Washington office completing the preparation of a bulletin on the marketing and distribution of peanuts.

Mr. H. K. Holman, Jr., of the Warehouse Project, and Mr. G. A. Collier of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, recently visited the Denver office.

Mr. J. C. Gilbert, of the Bureau of Markets of Harrisburg, Pa., spent several days in Washington last week in order to arrange for co-operative work in connection with the leased wire service to Harrisburg and also the inspection service. Other marketing matters were also discussed at this time.

Mr. Laurel Duval, Division Supervisor at New York City, spent April 12 and 13 in Washington.

Mr. H. J. Besley, who has been on a trip through the Middle West, in the course of which he visited several offices of the Federal Grain Supervision, returned to Washington April 13.

Mr. B. E. Rothgeb, of the Grain Division, has returned to Washington to finish the work on grain sorghums. He has recently visited Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis, Louisville, and Cincinnati, in connection with this work.

Three men have recently been appointed to Grain Supervision offices for instructions in grain grading by Federal Vocation Boards. They are: Mr. J. L. Blumer and Mr. S. W. Darnell who have reported to Omaha, and Mr. Daniel who has been appointed at the Omaha office.

Mr. E. P. Lemott, Chief Clerk of the Chicago Office, was absent for several days last week because of a death in his family.

Mr. M. A. Crosby, of the Hay Standardization office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, left April 15, for a two weeks' trip through the South to obtain samples of Johnson grass and alfalfa hay to use in connection with the Hay Standardization work.

Mr. H. S. Yohe, of the Warehouse Division, has recently returned to Washington after a long stay in Oklahoma in the interests of the Warehouse Division. Mr. Yohe's work has been making a survey of cotton warehouses.

Mr. W. E. Dent, of the New York Cotton office, arrived in Washington Friday and will spend about a week here on special cotton work.

Mr. Stephen Bray, in charge of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, left Washington, April 12, to visit Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Omaha and National Stock Yards for the purpose of interviewing State officials, members of the trade and local representatives of the Bureau of Markets relative to the publication of live stock and meat bulletins.

Mr. W. C. Davis, of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, left Washington April 19 for Chicago, where he will assist in securing photographs and data on meats to be used in the publication of bulletins.

Mr. R. D. Conklin, Head Clerk of the Live Stock and Meats Division, and Miss Louise Gallenne, a former employee of the bureau, were married April 6.

Mr. E. W. Baker, in charge of the Chicago Live Stock and Meats office, accompanied Mr. H. C. Wilcox, the Bureau Photographers, to Kansas City to assist in securing live stock pictures to be used as illustrations in bulletins to be published on live stock.

Mr. W. P. Carroll, of the Chicago office of the Grain Division, visited the Minneapolis Supervision office April 15 and 16 for the purpose of checking up the accuracy of the test weight per bushel apparatus and also to take up matters of the grading of grain between Minneapolis and other markets.

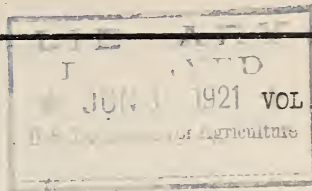
Mr. Joseph C. Griffin has been appointed Agent in the Bureau of Markets with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. He will be engaged in performing work incident to the administration of the United States warehouse Act. For six years, from 1912 to 1918, he was engaged in classing cotton at New Orleans, La., and the following year was employed as road buyer and cotton classer. In 1919-1920 he served as office classer for a commercial firm and was afterwards employed as chief grader and stapler in the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

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## 1. HEATER CAR TESTS RESUMED.

Losses of two to three million dollars to the apple growers of the Pacific Northwest in the year 1920, due to freezing of the fruit in transit, have emphasized the importance of solving this transportation problem for that section of the country. Studies of heater and refrigerator cars made by the Bureau of Markets were resumed last winter when two trips were made in December and February. Results indicate that a marked improvement in the heating of cars now in use may be secured through methods of loading to facilitate air circulation in the cars and in other ways.

The crux of the problem of the heater and refrigerator car is the distribution of air so as to keep the entire load at about the same temperature. The problem recently studied by the Project of Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables in Transit and Storage was the development of the efficient use of portable heaters and a further study of the methods of heating the improved car having a floor heating system. Seven carloads of apples were included on each trip. Six cars were of the refrigerator type in general use on the Great Northern Railroad and the seventh was the check refrigerator car with the floor heating system. Portable oil stoves were used to heat the cars. These were placed in the bunkers. It is customary to place the heaters on the ice racks, but the tests showed that they should be placed on the floor of the bunkers.

In some cars the fruit was covered with building paper, a space being left in the center of the car and at the walls, and in this way the warm air was made to circulate along the walls and through the center of the load which is usually the section most apt to freeze because of its distance from the heaters.

The tests made by the bureau were conducted in cooperation with the Great Northern Railroad which furnished a well equipped living car for the men who accompanied the shipments and cooperated in every way to make the experiments successful. The bureau was represented by Mr. R. R. Pailthorp and Mr. V. G. Gibson. Mr. Edwin Smith represented the Wenatchee Valley Traffic Association and the Great Northern Railroad was represented by Mr. B. F. Jones, Superintendent of Transportation, who accompanied the tests.



## 2. VALUE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WORK.

### MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS OF DIVISIONS AND SPECIALISTS.

At a conference of bureau chiefs April 26, Secretary Wallace asked that each bureau prepare memoranda of striking examples of the value of scientific research, stating that in his judgment scientific research is the rock foundation of all other work within the Government service as well as one of the most important factors of all progress, financial prosperity and welfare outside of the service. Each Division Chief and Specialist in the Bureau of Markets is therefore requested to give thought to this subject and to furnish a brief statement of any instances within his knowledge or observation of any piece of scientific investigation or research which has resulted in increasing the efficiency or economy in production, handling, storage, transportation, distribution or marketing; or in any other field of human endeavor which has added to the wealth, comfort or happiness of mankind.

Special consideration, of course, should be given to the legitimate field of the Bureau of Markets, particularly the investigational activities of the bureau and to improvements which have resulted from some investigational work outside the bureau in the same field.

Wherever practicable the statement should include an estimate of the probable cost of the investigation and the approximate value of the benefits resulting therefrom. The following outline is suggested:

Title: Value of Scientific Research.

- (1) Nature of investigation.
- (2) Brief description of method, process or improvement resulting therefrom.
- (3) Approximate cost of the investigation.
- (4) Approximate value of the discovery or improvement to the country.

These statements should be forwarded to the Associate Chief for summarization on a uniform basis.

(Signed) Leon M. Estabrook,

Associate Chief of Bureau.

3. BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU INTRODUCED DURING THE PAST WEEK.

H. R. 4786 introduced by Mr. McLaughlin of Nebraska.

A bill providing for the regulation of cold storage.

S. Con. Res. 3 introduced by Mr. Lenroot

H. Con. Res. 13 introduced by Mr. Strong of Kansas

Concurrent resolutions to create a joint commission of agricultural inquiry which shall investigate conditions and suggest remedial legislation.

S. 1095 introduced by Mr. Ransdell

A bill to regulate interstate shipments of cotton, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5228 introduced by Mr. Evans.

A bill for the purpose of regulating future trading in grain and providing for the collection and dissemination of information as to grain markets.

S 1024 introduced by Mr. Capper

A bill to provide for the storage of certain grain under Federal custody, the issue of receipts therefor and for other purposes.

H.R. 5032 introduced by Mr. McLaughlin of Nebraska

A bill to create a Federal live-stock commission.

S. 1041 introduced by Mr. Borah

A bill to provide for the establishment, operation, management and control of a clearing house for the scientific distribution and marketing of agricultural products.

H. R. 4901 introduced by Mr. Vestal

A bill to establish the standard of weights and measures for wheat-mill and corn-mill products, etc.

H. R. 4900 introduced by Mr. Vestal

A bill to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, and for other purposes.

S. 1275 introduced by Mr. Calder.

A bill authorizing an appropriation for the World's Poultry Congress.

H. R. 5360 introduced by Mr. Garrett of Tennessee.

A bill to regulate dealing in leaf tobacco.

S. 1084 providing for the establishment of a national budget and independent audit, introduced by Mr. McCormick, has been passed by the Senate.

A compromise was reached in the matter of reference of Senator Sterling's bill (S.13) for the classification of departmental employees. This bill and other similar bills will be referred first to the Committee on Civil Service and then to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### 4. HEARINGS ON FUTURE TRADING AND MEAT PACKER LEGISLATION.

Open hearings before the House Committee on Agriculture, House Office Building, Room 452, were held on the following days:

April 25, 26 and afternoon of the 29th, proponents of Future Trading Legislation.

April 27, 28 and morning of the 29th, opponents of Future Trading Legislation.

May 2, 3 and afternoon of the 6th, proponents of Meat Packer Legislation.

Similar hearings will be held as follows:

May 4, 5 and morning of the 6th, opponents of Meat Packer Legislation.

#### 5. BUREAU TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON INSECTS.

Arrangements have recently been made whereby a weekly report on the presence and possible effect on crops of insect pests in various sections of this country will be furnished to the Bureau of Markets by Dr. J. A. Hyslop, of the Bureau of Entomology. This report will be compiled in the Stored Products Insects Division of the Bureau of Entomology. The Hay, Feed and Seed and Grain Divisions of this bureau will furnish the Bureau of Entomology with data from field reports and correspondence which bears on the insect pests attacking stored and growing crops.



## 6. THE MINNESOTA DELEGATION.

Hearings on proposed changes in the Federal grain standards were held last week, beginning Wednesday afternoon and continuing on Thursday. Secretary Wallace presided and arguments both for and against the changes were presented. About sixty persons were in attendance including millers and representatives of the grain trade in Minnesota and other Western States, representatives from Congress, from Eastern receiving markets and various members of the staffs of the Bureau of Markets and other interested bureaus. Thursday afternoon and Friday morning a committee consisting of representatives from the northwestern farmers delegation and millers met with a committee from the Bureau of Markets for the purpose of coming to an agreement. The decision will be announced later by Secretary Wallace.

## 7. STATE AND LOCAL HOLIDAYS.

Hereafter project representatives in branch offices should communicate with their Washington offices, as far in advance as possible of each state and local holiday, and secure instructions as to whether or not the work of the projects may be discontinued on the holiday. The general policy of the bureau will be to grant permission for projects and branch offices containing a single project only to close on state or local holidays, with the exception that where any trading is done on the local market in any product on which news service or other reports are issued, the employees concerned in preparing and issuing these reports should remain on duty until the reports are completed, when they also may be excused.

However, this statement of general policy should not be regarded as sufficient authority for closing an office without first receiving instructions from Washington.

In joint and combined offices the action taken by the various project heads in Washington may differ. Otherwise than as herein stated, the provisions of Item 5, No. 1, Vol. 4 and Item 4, No. 8, Vol. 4 of the Bureau News are not changed.

## 8. LETTERING DOORS AND WINDOWS

Hereafter lettering placed upon the doors and windows of branch offices should read "U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates." No changes need be made on doors or windows already labeled if any considerable expense would be involved.

#### 9. FRANKE GRAIN COMPANY VIOLATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT.

Findings of the Secretary of Agriculture recently issued disclose a violation of Section 5 of the United States grain standards Act on the part of the Franke Grain Company, Milwaukee, Wis. These findings show that pursuant to a contract of sale of a quantity of No. 2 White corn for shipment from Milwaukee, Wis., to Virginia, Car CN 83498 was inspected and graded by an inspector licensed under the United States grain standards Act, who issued a certificate on March 19, 1920, showing the grade of the corn to be No. 2 Mixed. On March 23, 1920, the inspector having reason to believe that the sample on which the certificate was based was not truly representative of the entire carload, reinspected the corn in question and issued a certificate showing the grade to be No. 6 Mixed. On March 22, 1920, the Franke Grain Company billed this car to the receiver in Virginia and on March 24, invoiced the same as No. 4 at a price of \$1.50-3/4 per bushel, the price agreed upon in the contract for No. 2 White corn. The receiver, assuming that the corn had been correctly invoiced as No. 4, brought the matter to the attention of the shipper, whereupon an allowance of 7-3/4 cents per bushel was made. At the time the invoice of March 24, 1920, stating that grade of No. 4 corn was sent by the Franke Grain Company, it was in possession of the inspection certificate issued by the licensed inspector showing a grade of 6 Mixed, yet not withstanding this fact, the Franke Grain Company, by means of this invoice and certain correspondence, represented to the receiver that the corn involved was of a better grade than that shown by the official inspection certificate.

#### 10. USE OF BULLETIN BOARDS.

There is a bulletin board on each floor of the Bieber Building directly opposite the elevator. These boards are for use in posting notices of every kind of general interest to the bureau. It is suggested that all the employees of this building form a habit of examining the board each morning and evening and read any new notices which may have been posted. It is believed that this has not been a general practice. If such a custom should become usual these bulletin boards could be more effectively utilized than at present in expediting the distribution of information of general interest to the employees of the bureau.

It is suggested that all projects, sections and divisions send to the central office of the Branch of Operation any items or notices which might be worthy of note if placed upon these bulletin boards.

Arrangements will be made to place similar boards in some of the other buildings where units of the Bureau of Markets are located and these boards will carry the same items as those in the Bieber Building.

# 11. VISEEING OF LATE MAIL.

The attention of all officers and employees in Washington is called to Circular No. 68 from the Office of the Secretary, dated April 2, 1921, in regard to the handling of mail and its delivery to the City Post Office. This circular calls attention to the heavy congestion of mail at Washington city post office toward the close of the business day, especially between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m., and refers to the request of the Postmaster General that all branches of the Government service in Washington cooperate with the Post Office Department in the effort to reduce this congestion. The bureaus of the Department of Agriculture are asked to minimize the amount of first-class mail dispatched later than 2.30 and to send out as much as possible in the morning.

To this end it is requested that all officers and employees in Washington who have to do in any way with the dictation, preparation or dispatching of mail make every effort to so arrange their plans and schedules as to send out as much as possible in the earlier hours of the day. To this end the viseeing force will not remain as heretofore after 4.30 to visee all mail received, but will remain as long as may be necessary to review only such outgoing letters as are received before 4.30 p.m. and marked "special." In this connection it is urged that correspondence so marked be held to the minimum of letters which it is very important to have mailed at the earliest possible hour. The letters held over will be given first attention the following morning.

# 12. HEARINGS ON GRAIN EXCHANGE BILLS IN ILLINOIS.

On April 27 hearings will be granted in the Illinois State Legislature on the Lantz grain exchange bills to remodel operations on the Chicago board of trade and similar institutions in the state. Under the proposed legislation it is proposed that the state department of agriculture will license all brokers and traders, operating on exchanges, and place the said brokers under a bond of \$10,000 for the faithful performance of their business under the license granted. Another provision is that rules and regulations of the exchanges must be such that they will be open to all farmers' organizations and individuals that meet the requirements of the state.

# 13. MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE STUDYING CLEANER.

A special study of an apparatus designed to remove wild peas from wheat is being studied by the Minneapolis office of the Grain Division. The peas are separated by means of an inclined plane on an endless belt which is made of heavy canvas. It is possible that this apparatus may be developed and used commercially. Much interest is shown in the machine because of the prevalence of wild peas in that



state. A device for cleaning seed grain on farms is also being demonstrated in the Minneapolis office.

14. IN THE LIBRARY.

During the week ending April 25 the accessions to the Bureau Library included the following:

Agricultural Statistics of Nebraska for the Year 1920.  
1921. (Neb. Dept. of Agriculture. Bulletin 107)

Study of Cotton Marketing Conditions in Arkansas.  
1920. (Ark. University. College of Agriculture.  
Extension Division. Circular No. 92)

Bullinger's Postal and Shippers Guide. 1921.

Canada. Bureau of Statistics. Internal Trade  
Division. Live Stock and Animal Products Sta-  
tistics 1909-1919. 1920.

Cooperative Associations. A Survey of the Co-  
operative Associations in Nebraska for the Year  
1919. 1921. (Neb. Dept. of Agriculture. Bul-  
letin 103)

The Financial Review, Published by the Commercial  
and Financial Chronicle. 1920.

Garry, L. S. Textile Markets of Brazil. 1920.  
(U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.  
Special Agents series. No. 203)

Hughes, H. J. Marketing Problems of Minnesota  
Farmers. 1920. (Minn. State Dept. of Agriculture.  
Bulletin No. 11)

Hughes, Hugh J. Minnesota Potato Grades. 1920.  
(Minn. State Dept. of Agriculture. Bulletin 8)

International Cotton Buyer and Cotton Seller and  
Reference book. 1920/21.

Mayes, Jewell. Pooling, Grading and Marketing Wool  
in Missouri. 1920. (Mo. State Board of Agricul-  
ture. Monthly Bulletin, Vol. 18, No. 10.)

New York State Agricultural Society. Proceedings  
Annual Meeting, 87th, 1919. (N. Y. Dept. of Farms  
and Markets. Bulletin 124)

Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture. Bureau of Markets. Rules and Regulations Providing Standard Barrels for Fruits, Vegetables and other Farm Products. 1920. (Pa. Dept. of Agriculture. General Bulletin 350)

Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture Bureau of Markets. Rules and Regulations for the Packing of Apples in Pennsylvania... 1920. (Pa. Dept. of Agriculture. General Bulletin 349)

Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture. Bureau of Markets. Rules and Regulations Providing for Standard Climax Baskets for Grapes and other Fruits and Vegetables, and for Standard Crates, Baskets and other Containers for Berries, Fruits and Vegetables. 1920. (Pa. Dept. of Agriculture. General Bulletin 348.)

#### EFFICIENCY

#### 15. INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE FURNISHED ON PUBLIC VOUCHERS FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL.

The Office of Supplies and Accounts receives a great number of requests from dealers and branch offices for information regarding old claims which it is alleged have not been paid. In checking up the records of the bureau it is almost invariably found that the claims were paid in due course. In many of these cases when the dealers or branch offices are advised of the payment they request the issuance of duplicate checks on the ground that the originals were never received. It is then necessary to call upon the payee for a bond of indemnity as under the law a duplicate check cannot be issued until such a bond is furnished to the United States by the party in whose favor the original was drawn. This entails expense and trouble to payee, and often causes exasperation, especially in the case of small checks where the cost of furnishing the bond is out of all proportion to the amount involved. When the cases are taken up with the Treasury Department, that department finds, as a matter of fact, that a large percentage of the checks have been endorsed by the payee as drawn and cashed, thus making the preliminary action unnecessary. This would indicate that vendors either overlook the giving of credit, or credit wrong accounts. The probabilities are that in many cases where the checks actually have been lost the addresses as given on the vouchers were indefinite. For this reason, head clerks of branch offices and other employees who have to do with the certifying of Form 5 vouchers should see that dealers give enough information in the coupon at the bottom of the voucher to obviate any question as to the addresses of the dealers and the accounts which are to receive credit. If this is done, it will save both the Government departments and dealers, unnecessary trouble and expense.

16. A HAND WITH A POINTING FINGER TO INDICATE the line on which a signature should be placed has been found to be of distinct advantage in the correct preparation of vouchers, particularly those which are more or less unfamiliar. This may be stamped with a rubber stamp. The scheme has been found to be of great advantage in connection with Voucher No. 5, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services other than Personal."

17. AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNIFORMITY IN GRAIN GRADING, a recent report shows that on 100 appeals handled in New York City the grades on 96 cars were the same as or higher than the grades assigned in Milwaukee.

#### BUREAU BREVITIES

18. THE SERVICES OF THE VISITING NURSE HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE to departmental employees in Washington through the instrumentality of the Department of Agriculture Welfare Association. The service will include visits to the homes of the employees, the fee for each visit being 65 cents when the patient is able to pay. The Welfare Association will provide the service gratis to needy employees upon the recommendation of Mr. Snow. If the services of the nurse are required at any time for a short period daily during illness the headquarters of the Instructive Visiting Nurse Society, 1413 G Street, N.W., should be notified. The telephone number is Franklin 6442 or 6387. Urgent cases may be reported direct to Mr. A. McC. Ashley of the Office of Inspection, President of the Department of Agriculture Welfare Association, who will take immediate action to secure the attendance of a nurse.

19. A CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT IN MARKETING has been announced. Ten optionals are given as follows: Marketing Grain and Hay, Marketing Fruits and Vegetable Products, Marketing Live Stock and Animal Products, Marketing Dairy Products, Marketing Poultry and Eggs, Marketing Cotton, Warehouse Investigations, The Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables in Transit and Storage, Market Business Practice, The Economics of Marketing. The salaries attached to these positions range from \$1,320 to \$1,620.

20. THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF OREGON has called a hearing to give the officials of the Washington State Inspection Department, the opportunity of discussing the raising of inspection and weighing fees for that service. It is expected that the Washington Grain Inspection Department will be compelled to have higher grain inspection and weighing fees than those charged by Oregon, in view of the fact that no money was appropriated for this service when the Washington State Legislature passed the Act effective April 1, whereby the State Government will be administered under ten departments.

21. THE THIRTEENTH CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT with district headquarters at Denver, Colo., has recently been established. Circular No. 69, sent



out by the office of the Secretary, which described this new district, was circulated to field offices of the bureau with the last number of the Bureau News and has also been circulated in the Washington offices.

22. A NEWS RELEASE ON THE COST OF MARKETING MILK IN COLUMBUS, O., has recently been sent out by the Bureau of Markets. It contains in brief, the results of some investigations made under the direction of Dr. L. H. Haney, of the Cost of Marketing Division.

23. BECAUSE OF THE RESIGNATION OF THE TELEGRAPHER the "drop" from the Western Circuit of the leased wire at Waupaca, Wis. has been discontinued. The news service at that point will, however, be continued until the closing of that office by relaying messages over commercial wire by way of Chicago.

24. MEMORANDUM NO. 339, SENT OUT BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, is being circulated to the field offices with this number of the Bureau News. It will also be circulated to the Washington offices. The memorandum gives the personnel of the Committees on Clerical Efficiency in the different bureaus of the department. The membership of the Efficiency Committee for this bureau was announced in last week's Bureau News.

25. A "DROP" FROM THE EASTERN CIRCUIT OF THE LEASED WIRE was put into operation at Trenton, N. J. April 23. This leased wire service is similar to that instituted at Harrisburg, Pa. about a year ago and will promote effective cooperation between the State Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Markets in Washington.

26. TO DATE \$1,028.50 HAS BEEN COLLECTED in the Department of Agriculture for the continuation of the work of serving suppers to the soldier, sailor and marine patients of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Of this amount \$162.55 was contributed by the Bureau of Markets.

27. THE TENTATIVE STRAWBERRY GRADES RECOMMENDED BY THIS BUREAU were adopted as the standard grades for North Carolina and became effective April 20. Dealers may continue to sell ungraded stock if so marked but any strawberries that are graded must conform to the Federal standards.

28. THE ASTORIA, OREGON, OFFICE OF THE GRAIN INSPECTION has been temporarily closed on account of light grain receipts and no immediate prospects of any increase in the near future.

29. THE AMERICAN COTTON GROWERS EXCHANGE, said to be the largest commodity-selling organization ever proposed in the United States, was formed April 21 at Oklahoma City by representatives from seven cotton growing states.

30. THE BUREAU OF MARKETS WILL BE REPRESENTED by some hand-colored charts and slides at the Exposition of Graphic Arts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to be held in the lecture room and open hall on the second floor of the Public Library, May 2 to 15 inclusive.

#### PERSONALS

Mr. R. H. Elsworth, of the Division of Cooperative Relations, returned to Washington April 26 after a month's trip through the Middle West and the Far West. Mr. Elsworth visited the following points; Lincoln, Nebraska; Fort Collins and Denver, Colorado; Las Cruces, New Mexico; Tuscon and Yuma, Arizona; Berkley and San Francisco, California; Corvallis, Salem and Portland, Oregon; Pullman and Olympia, Washington; Boise, Idaho; Logan, Utah and Laramie and Cheyenne, Wyoming. At these places Agricultural Colleges, State Divisions of Markets and Departments of Agriculture were visited, and numerous conferences were held.

Mr. O. B. Jesness, formerly of the Division of Cooperative Purchasing and Marketing, has been appointed in the Warehouse Division of this bureau, effective May 1. His headquarters will be at Lexington, Ky. He will study the marketing grades and classes of tobacco and the terminology used in describing these and also compile the information obtained. Mr. Jesness' appointment is on a cooperative basis and part of his salary will be paid by the State of Kentucky, where most of his work will be done.

Mr. E. M. Seifert, Jr., who has been connected with the Fruit and Vegetable Division since September 1916, has resigned to accept a position with the Fruit Distributors' Service Company. He will be manager of the Los Angeles office of that firm and will leave the service May 3. During the first eight months of his connection with this bureau, Mr. Seifert served on the administrative staff of the news service in Washington. He was then placed in charge of the office in Philadelphia. In 1919 he was assigned to field work on the Pacific Coast and during the past two seasons has operated the news service on cantaloupes in Southern California and in the Turlock section, and the apple service in the Spokane District. He is joint author of the bulletin on the Distribution of Northwestern Boxed Apples recently issued.

Mr. W. A. Sherman and Mr. H. W. Samson left Washington Friday evening for a trip through the South and West. They will stop at New Orleans, College Station, Texas and at Austin, Texas, in the interest of the standardization work. Before returning to Washington Mr. Sherman will visit a number of points in the Middle West and Mr. Samson will go to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. J. W. Park and Mr. A. D. Miller, who have been traveling in the interests of the work of the Domestic Wool Section, have returned to Washington.

Mr. Robert Bier and Mr. E. W. Stillwell have returned from the South, where they have been for some time.

Mr. George G. Beckner, who has been an employee of the bureau for about six months, died suddenly April 23 at his home in this city. Mr. Beckner was employed in the photographic laboratory. The funeral services were held in Lightersburg, Md.

Mr. O. F. Phillips, of the Chicago office of the Grain Division, visited the office at Portland, Oregon, April 19 and held a conference in San Francisco April 13 with some representatives of the grain trade.

Mr. R. H. Elsworth, of the Division of Cooperative Relations with Mr. Paul Mehl called at the Portland, Oregon, office of the Grain Division April 13.

Mr. L. S. Tenny, Mr. W. A. Wheeler, Mr. L. M. Davis and Mr. C. W. Kitchen, all of the Washington office, went to Philadelphia last Thursday to make arrangements for cooperative news service in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. W. E. Dent, of the New York Office of the Cotton Division, who has been spending some time in Washington, has returned to his headquarters.

Dr. G. K. K. Link, Pathologist, connected with the Inspection Service has returned to his headquarters after a trip through the South.

Mr. H. A. Spilman, connected with the section enforcing the provisions of the standard container Act, left Washington yesterday for a two weeks' trip. His itinerary includes the following points: Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake, Boise, LaGrande, Ore., Spokane, San Francisco, El Paso, New Orleans, Crystal Springs, Miss. and Atlanta.

Mr. Paul Yax, who has served as a messenger in the Buffalo office for a number of years, has now attained the status of clerk in that office.

Mr. Frank E. Manning, who has been employed in the Cost of Marketing Division since Aug. 23, 1920, has been transferred from Baltimore to Washington.

The appointment of Mr. T. Roy Reid, who has been serving in different assignments since Dec. 6, 1917, more recently as Extension Agent in Marketing with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark., has been terminated in order that he may be transferred to the Extension Service of the State of Arkansas.

Mr. H. C. Slade, of the Cotton Division, has gone to Philadelphia and New York to inspect outstanding sets of cotton standards.





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## 1. AN ATTACK ON THE BUREAU.

An editorial appeared in the March 20 number of "Who is Who in the Grain Trade", to the effect that the activities of county agents in various States are inimical to the smaller grain dealers and that the Bureau of Markets is assisting them to function as distributing agents. The editorial also states that the county agents are with the authority of the Bureau of Markets organizing cooperative organizations and carrying on the merchandizing of grain, and concludes with the statement that the bureau should be abolished. This editorial was later reprinted in "The National Hay Press" with a foot note stating that the Hay Press concurred in the sentiments expressed. The matter is called to the attention of members of the bureau staff for their information. The following quotation from a letter sent to Mr. Livingston by Mr. J. V. Taylor, Secretary of the National Hay Association, is given to show the attitude of that organization:

".....so far as I am concerned I do not intend to see any argument on this article in the Hay Press of April 16. Neither shall I attempt to go into any details at this time in answering your communication, but I do want to make it plain to you that we stand back of the article and will fight with the Grain Dealers National Association in bringing every effort possible to bear on the senators and representatives from all parts and sections of this country in an effort to see that the Bureau of Markets is abolished as in our opinion it is an interference with legitimate business. The operations of county agents are very different from what you would attempt to lead Mr. Quinn and myself to believe. Anybody acquainted with the activities of these county representatives in any section of the country knows that these men are putting in more time assisting the farmers in buying their supplies and marketing their products than they are assisting the farmers to produce more and as we understand it, that is what the county agents were originally supposed to do -- educate and instruct the farmers the best way to produce the largest and best crops of all agricultural products."

## 2. DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS.

The following letter which has been sent to Mr. Livingston from the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture calls attention to a statement on the subject of deficiencies, which has been sent to members of the cabinet by President Harding:

### MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEFS.

"No doubt you noticed in the afternoon papers of May 3 the publication of a letter the President has addressed to each member of the cabinet. In it he calls attention to the letter he has received from Chairman Warren, of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, concerning the large amounts requested by the Departments as deficiencies. The President says;

'We can never fix ourselves firmly on a basis of economy until the departments are conducted within the provisions made by Congress.'

"I know that in this Department the appropriations requested as deficiencies are, in most cases, not deficiencies as that term is sometimes understood. Nevertheless, the statement of the President which I have quoted must be kept in mind at all times.

"I am bringing the matter to your attention now with the expectation that, in making plans for the expenditure of the money appropriated during the coming fiscal year, you will keep strictly within the amounts allotted by Congress.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Henry C. Wallace,

Secretary.

Mr. George Livingston,  
Chief, Bureau of Markets.

## 3. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

H. R. 5676 introduced by Mr. Tincher.

A bill taxing contracts for the sale of grain for future delivery, and options for such contracts, and providing for the



regulation of boards of trade, and for other purposes. This bill has been reported from the Committee on Agriculture, and has been referred to the Committee of the whole House.

H. R. 5692, introduced by Mr. Williams.

A bill to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in live stock, live stock products, dairy products, poultry products, and eggs, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2373, introduced by Mr. Volstead.

This bill which authorizes association of producers of agricultural products was passed by the House of Representatives.

S. 581 and S. 582, introduced by Mr. Sterling, were reported from the Committee on Civil Service.

These bills provide for the repeal of legislation prohibiting the transfer of government employees from one Department to another within three years, and the provision which prohibits the granting of an increase in compensation under lump fund appropriations to employees within one year after transferring.

H. Con. Res. 15, introduced by Mr. Hayden.

Concurrent resolution providing for a joint committee on the budget.

#### 4. ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The Fourteenth Annual Conference on Weights and Measures will be held at the Bureau of Standards May 23 to 26, inclusive. The conference will be attended by state and city weights and measures officials from all parts of the country and the papers and discussions will refer largely to the duties and problems of these officials. It is thought however that the discussions will be of a nature to make the meetings of interest to all who are interested in various phases of weighing and measuring. A cordial invitation has been extended to all members of the staff of this bureau to attend the conference as guests of the Bureau of Standards.

#### 5. MARKET REPORTS BY RADIOPHONE.

Market reports will be sent out by radiophone this week from East Pittsburgh, Pa. These reports will be the first to be sent out in this way and will make it possible for farmers and other agricultural interests within about a hundred miles of Pittsburgh to know market prices and conditions immediately after the close of the

markets. The reports will be sent out over a wave length of 330 meters. The use of the radiophone would, if it became general, simplify the receipt of the market reports, as they would be transmitted so that everyone could understand them instead of coming in a code of dots and dashes that requires trained interpreters. The reports furnished by the Bureau of Markets will be sent out by a commercial firm.

6. TRANSATLANTIC SHIPMENT OF SWEET POTATOES.

A test shipment of sweet potatoes was sent to Liverpool early in March under the direction of the Office of Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables in Transit and Storage to study the possibilities of marketing that crop in Europe. The shipment consisted of 600 pounds of sweet potatoes grown in Southern Georgia. It formed a part of the cargo of the S. S. Cedric. The sweet potatoes were selected and sent to New York under the direction of Mr. R. G. Hill, the sweet potato expert of the Office of the Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables, where they were inspected by Mr. H. E. Kramer, also of that office, before being shipped. The sweet potatoes were sent under ventilation and arrived in good condition in Liverpool. Mr. E. A. Foley, the London representative of this bureau, inspected the shipment on its arrival and reported that the potatoes reached their destination in good condition.

Although the sweet potato is practically unknown in European countries, it was not found difficult to dispose of this shipment. Particular attention was given it by Mr. S. B. Moomaw, the receiver. It is thought that Europe will ultimately offer an excellent market for sweet potatoes as the attention of the trade has already been called to its excellent qualities by shipments from the West Indies. Recipes for the preparation of sweet potatoes for the table were sent with the bureau shipment and these were distributed to each person purchasing a supply. Further experimental studies of the transatlantic shipment of sweet potatoes have been planned and these will also be conducted by Mr. Hill.

7. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CLUB FORMED AT ATLANTA.

A Department of Agriculture club to be known as the "Atusda Club" was formed April 30 in Atlanta by representatives of the five bureaus of the Department having offices in that city. The organization was effected at a luncheon held for the purpose. Dr. Wm. M. McKellar, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, was elected President, and Mr. T. C. Curry, of the Bureau of Markets, Secretary. It is expected that the club will meet regularly the last Saturday of each month. The following were present at the organization meeting: Dr. Wm. M. McKellar, of the Bureau of Animal Industry; Mr. K. B. Seeds and Mr. T. C. Curry, of the Bureau of Markets; Mr. W. A. Crossland and Mr. J. T. Marshall, of the Bureau of Public Roads; Mr. John S. Dennee, of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, and Mr. C. F. Von Hermann,

of the weather Bureau. The objects of the club are to exchange views, secure greater cooperation among representatives, and to assemble information of value to the general public.

8. EXTRA CARBON FOR SECRETARY'S LETTERS.

The following memorandum has been received from the office of the Secretary, in which attention is called to the fact that an extra carbon should be made of some of the letters written for the Secretary's signature:

MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEFS.

For the purpose of record in this office, it is desired that an extra carbon copy be furnished in all cases where letters are written in the bureaus for the signature of the Secretary, making reports on bills pending in Congress. This applies also to comment either general or specific on such bills addressed to others than the chairmen of the committees concerned.

May I ask that this have attention in your bureau?

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. F. Fitts.

Mr. George Livingston,  
Chief, Bureau of Markets.

9. FREE DISTRIBUTION OF CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY DISCONTINUED.

The free distribution of paper bound copies of the Congressional Directory has been discontinued by the Joint Committee on Printing, and hereafter such paper bound copies may be obtained only upon requisition upon the Public Printer to be charged to the appropriation for printing and binding. A small supply has been ordered for this bureau and will be distributed as soon as received.

10. ADDRESS ON LEAVE SLIPS.

Many applications for leave are received on which the "address while absent" is lacking.

This information should always be given (except on fractional day's leave) as it may be needed for reference in communicating with the absentee. Sick leave slips should show what the employee's address was during the period absent. Head clerks are requested to see that leave slips are properly filled out.



11. USE OF PAPER DRINKING CUPS.

The stock of paper drinking cups in the central Supply Section has been exhausted and it has been decided not to order a new supply for the present. The best quotation that can be obtained on the cups is \$5.15 per 1,000, making their cost over 1/2 cent each, and it is believed that as a matter of economy their use should be dispensed with for the present. This will result in a saving to the bureau of \$100 for the present fiscal year, as there is in stock a sufficient supply of glass tumblers to take care of all reasonable requirements,

12. USE OF PAPER SHIPPING TAGS.

A supply of paper shipping tags, both plain and printed, has been placed in stock by the central Supply Section to be issued as often as possible in place of the linen shipping tags. The cost of the paper tags is \$2.77 per 1,000 and of the linen tags \$6.20 per 1,000. Thus, if the paper tags are used in preference to the linen, a saving of 55% is effected. It is believed that for nearly all purposes the paper tags will be found satisfactory.

13. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN APRIL.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during April:

Office of Secretary Circular 137, Amendment 4.  
Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 68.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

George, Frank: Advertising and the Farmer.  
For Printer's Ink. App'd. in Sec. Off.

George, Frank: Via Wireless. For Farm and  
Fireside. App'd. in Sec. Off.

Montgomery, Ruth: Wireless Brings Markets to  
the Farmer. App'd. in Sec. Off.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Effect of Weather on Supply  
and Demand. For County Agent and Farm Bureau  
Magazine. App'd. in Sec. Off.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Marketing the Louisiana  
Strawberry Crop. For Modern Farming. App'd.  
in Sec. Off.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Marketing Texas Bermuda Onions.  
For Farm and Ranch. App'd. in Sec. Off.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Markets by Wireless. For  
Nation's Business. App'd. in Sec. Off.

#### 14. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

The annual report of the Department Welfare Association has recently been made and contributions for the continued work of the Association are being solicited. During the past year relief was extended to the families of twelve employees. In seven of these cases surgical operations were paid for and in three cases, as the illness resulted in death, the funeral expenses were also paid by the Association. Within the year the sum of \$1,465.30 was expended for relief. The association begins the year 1921 with a sinking fund of \$2,000 and a working balance of \$987.31. It is hoped to raise \$3,000 this year in order that the relief work may be continued and the sinking fund increased. Ultimately, the association hopes to become self supporting. Contributions may be paid in quarterly installments.

#### 15. IN THE LIBRARY.

A list of thirteen colleges which give courses in marketing has been received from the American Farm Bureau Federation, and a second list of those which give definite assurance that such courses will be established.

A memorandum of understanding between the executive committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the States Relations Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, relative to farm bureaus and the extension service has been received in the bureau library. It consists of a statement of the policy and the basis of cooperation which shall govern the relations of the two bodies in their cooperative enterprises.

The bureau library has received Referendum No. 35 of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, on the report of the committee on Budget and Efficiency regarding Government employees. This report contains the recommendations of the committee favoring reclassification and also the arguments opposing each important point.

It may be of interest to note that the bill (H. R. 3154) to establish marketing departments in the agricultural colleges in the several states of the Union which was introduced in the House Apr. 14, 1921, was also introduced on Feb. 7, 1914 (63rd Cong. 2nd Sess. H. R. 13093). The bill (S. 1041) to provide for the establishment, operation, management and control of an agricultural capital or central clearing house for the scientific distribution and marketing of agricultural products and for other purposes, which was introduced into the Senate on Apr. 21, 1921, was also introduced on Jan. 17, 1914, as S. 4046 (63rd Cong. 2nd Sess.).

EFFICIENCY16. A CONVENIENT TICKLER.

Through letters or in other ways information often comes to the Atlanta Office of Federal Grain Supervision which indicates that a personal visit to someone in the district in order to acquaint him with the work of Federal Grain Supervision would be very desirable. Many times, however, the question is not serious enough to necessitate an immediate trip to the point and it may be some time before anyone goes that way in connection with other work. It was found some time ago that this often resulted in the particular case being forgotten when someone was going in that direction. To overcome this trouble a brief statement of the case with a reference to the correspondence in the files, if any, is now made on a 3 x 5 card and these cards are filed by states and cities. Then when a trip is contemplated into any particular section it is only necessary to run through the cards for the States which are to be visited and see where convenient stops can be made in connection with the proposed trip.

BUREAU BREVITIES

17. THE SECOND BUREAU DANCE WILL BE HELD MAY 21 in the private ball room of the Arcade, 14th and Park Road. McWilliams' orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. Tickets, which will be sold at the same price as those for the first dance, fifty cents apiece, may be obtained from Mr. Snow, Miss Viehmann, Miss Hammer, Mr. McQuinn, Mr. Bray, or Mr. Swan.

18. THE OPENING OF THE FIELD STATION ON STRAWBERRIES at Monett, Mo., has been postponed until about May 20 as the first setting of berries was lost on account of the recent cold weather. The station at Humboldt, Tenn., will probably be operated only until the end of this week, after which Mr. Lee R. Miller, who has been in charge there, will go to Monett.

19. A SHORT COURSE FOR LIVE STOCK PRODUCERS and managers of the co-operative live stock associations will be held in Richmond, Va., May 10 to 11 under the direction of the Virginia Division of Markets. Mr. C. A. Burmeister, of the Division of Live Stock Meats and Wool, will speak on "How the Federal Bureau of Markets Serves the Live Stock Industry."

20. A CARD INDEX OF THE MARKET REPORTER is kept practically up to date by Miss K. G. Rice, of the Division of Market Information, and may be consulted in Room 607. A mimeographed index covering the preceding three months is prepared April 1 and Oct. 1, and the regular printed index covering six months is published Jan. 1 and July 1 of each year. Copies of the mimeographed index for Vol. 3, Nos. 1-13 may be obtained from Miss Rhodes, Room 610.



21. THE ST. ELIZABETH'S SUPPER FUND HAS GROWN TO \$1082.50. Of this amount \$177.30 has been contributed by the Bureau of Markets. Any women who are interested in this work and wish to assist in the serving of the suppers on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons of each month may see Miss Rixey, Room 509, Miss Clark, Room 507, or Miss Davis in the Bureau of Chemistry.

22. THE EXPOSITION OF GRAPHIC ARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE now being held in the Public Library, 7th and K Streets, is attracting favorable attention. Talks on various topics were given last week. Thursday of this week at 8.15 p.m. Mr. Reuben Brigham, of the States Relation Service, will talk on "Art Work Illustrating the Field Work of States Relation Service."

23. A MACHINE FOR REMOVING GARLIC BULBLETS and corn cockle from wheat was demonstrated for some of the members of the Grain Division at Sparks, Md., Apr. 28. This machine was designed by Mr. H. S. Stansbury but is still in an experimental stage. The inventor is contemplating several changes which will increase its efficiency.

24. THE BALUSDA CLUB, which is composed of representatives of the Department of Agriculture living in Baltimore, held a meeting Apr. 28 for the election of officers. Mr. Harold Anderson was elected President and Mr. D. M. Walsh, Secretary, of the organization. They will serve until Jan. 1, 1922.

25. SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS (MARKETS) NO 67 setting forth the findings of the Secretary of Agriculture in cases of violation of Sec. 5 of the U. S. grain standards Act has just been issued. This Announcement also gives reports of violations of Sec. 4 of this Act.

26. THE MARKETS MESSENGERS' BASEBALL TEAM defeated three teams last week. The team has won five games this season and has lost none. The scores of the games played last week were, Publications 2, Markets 9; Plant Industry 2, Markets 4; Twelfth and I Street Juniors, 4, Markets 5.

27. THE CURRENT NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL FARMING contains an article entitled "Market Reports by Wireless" which describes the radio market-gram service. It was written by Mr. Miller Hamilton, of the Division of Market Information.

28. PLANS FOR A COOPERATIVE CROP REPORTING SERVICE to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates and the New England States, will be made at a conference to be held in the State House, Boston, Mass., May 11 and 12.

29. SALARIES OF \$2,100 MAY BE PAID to those passing the examination for Scientific Assistant which was announced in last week's Bureau News in case they have especially high qualifications. The average salary however is \$1,320 to \$1,620.

30. THE FIELD STATION ON POTATOES AT HASTINGS, FLA., which has been operated for the past three weeks was closed May 4.

31. BRANCH OFFICE DIRECTORY

New York, N. Y. Change address of the Grain Division to Room 919 Maritime Building, 8-10 Bridge Street.

PERSONALS

Mr. W. L. Pryor, of the Division of Foreign Markets, will go to Liverpool to attend meetings of the World's Cotton Conference to be held there June 13 to 22. Mr. Pryor will accompany Mr. Morrill and Mr. W. R. Meadows and will leave about June 1. He will look after statistical data relating to cotton and will get in touch with statisticians from other cotton producing countries. It is hoped that as a result of Mr. Pryor's trip it will be possible later to issue, several times a year, a statement on the world statistics on cotton production and acreage. Mr. Pryor will also serve on the committee on research and statistics.

Mr. Chester Morrill, Assistant Chief of the Bureau, returned last week from a trip through the South. He attended a meeting of the Farm Bureau Federation at Memphis, Tenn., and later visited Dallas, Tex., and New Orleans, La.

Mr. W. A. Wheeler, of the Division of Market Information, went to New York City today to confer with Mr. Herschel Jones, of the State Division of Foods and Markets, Prof. H. E. Babcock of Cornell University and members of the Associated Press in regard to the handling of market news by the Associated Press.

Mr. M. A. Crosby, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, returned last week from a trip through the South in the interest of the Hay Standardization work.

Mr. O. F. Phillips, of the Chicago office of the Grain Division, has returned to his headquarters after a long field trip through the Middle West and far West, in the course of which he visited a number of branch offices.

Mr. K. B. Seeds, of the Grain Division, and Mr. F. G. Crout, of the Warehouse Division, recently spent two days on a trip to Newman, Moreland and Grantville, Ga., the office of Federal Grain Supervision furnishing the automobile and the Warehouse Division paying for gas, oil, etc. While Mr. Crout inspected warehouses at these points Mr. Seeds interviewed the grain dealers. This trip was taken primarily to permit the Warehouse Division to investigate the advisability of using an automobile in that work, but it is also believed that it demonstrated that

there is frequently opportunity for men in different divisions of the work of the bureau to use a car together to their mutual advantage.

Mr. Stephen Bray, in charge of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, returned May 1 from a trip to Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Urbana, Ill. The purpose of the trip was to confer with local representatives and state and college officials with reference to the publication of bulletins on the classification of live stock and meats. Mr. E. W. Baker, in charge of the Chicago office of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, accompanied Mr. Bray to Urbana, where a conference was held with the officials of the University of Illinois with reference to the proposed bulletins.

Mr. W. C. Davis, of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, returned May 1 from a trip to Chicago where he spent several days in securing information and photographs for use in the bulletins to be published on classes and grades of meat.

Mr. Arnold E. Graham, Property Clerk of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, entered Walter Reed Hospital May 2 where he will undergo an operation.

Mrs. Judith Fishburn, formerly Chief Clerk of the Branch of Operation, has resigned to enter commercial employment in Washington.

Mr. Roy C. Potts, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, attended the Dairy Products Marketing Conference held in Chicago, May 3 and 4.

Mr. L. G. Schultz, of the Kansas City office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has returned from a period of leave and Mr. M. C. Gregory, of the same office, has gone on leave.

Mr. C. D. Shirley, who operated the inspection service of the Fruit and Vegetable Division at Houston, Tex., has gone on two weeks' leave.

Dr. Kemper Simpson, of the Cost of Marketing Division, was called to Baltimore, May 3 by the death of his mother, Mrs. F. Simpson of that city.

Mr. P. M. Williams left Washington Apr. 30 for the West. He will visit offices in St. Louis and Kansas City and will go to Los Angeles and later to Brawley, Calif., where he will conduct the news service on Imperial Valley cantaloupes.

Mr. H. Stanford Yohe, who has been serving as Investigator in Marketing since Jan. 1921, has been transferred from the field to Washington.



Mr. J. W. Fletcher has been appointed Grain Sampler effective May 2, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. From Jan. 1917, to the time of his appointment he was engaged in grain sampling work with the Inspection Department of the Indianapolis Board of Trade.

Mr. A. D. Miller, of the Domestic Wool Section, spent the first three days of last week on an auditing trip to Philadelphia and Wyalusing, Pa. Mr. Miller and Mr. J. W. Park left Saturday on a month's trip to various points in the States of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri where they will audit the accounts of dealers who handled part of the 1918 wool clip.

Mr. A. V. Swarthout and Mr. H. F. Buchanan, of the Cost of Marketing Division, went to Harrisburg, Pa., last week to make some studies on the cost of marketing milk. Mr. Swarthout returned the latter part of last week. Mr. Buchanan will remain there for about two weeks.

Mr. B. R. Oastler, of the Cotton Quotation Service, with headquarters at Atlanta, recently completed a trip through the cotton belt later coming to Washington for a short stay. He has since returned to Atlanta.

Miss Rose E. Kelley, of the Boston office of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, who has been ill and absent for two months, has returned to her work.

Mr. E. W. Stillwell, of the Grades and Standards Project, left Washington May 5 for a ten days' trip through New York State. He will stop in Philadelphia and New York to confer with State officials regarding proposed grades for tomatoes and other products. At Rochester, N.Y., he will consult with dealers and growers regarding grades for peaches and will then go to Atlanta, N. Y., to confer with manufacturers regarding the peach grading machine.

Mr. H. C. Wilcox, of the photographic laboratory, has returned from a month's trip through the Middle West where he made photographs of live stock and of meats. Mr. Wilcox' itinerary included St. Louis, Kansas City, the Sni Barr ranch, where pure bred cattle are raised, Chicago and the feeding station at Montgomery. A number of studies of dressed meat were made in the coolers in Chicago.

Miss Irma D. Lyons, clerk in the Chicago district office of the Federal Grain Supervision, returned to duty May 2 after a five weeks' illness.

Miss Isabel MacLeod, clerk at the Boston office, and Miss Lillian Crosby, clerk at the East St. Louis office of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, have resigned effective May 6 and 15, respectively.

Mrs. Clarice F. Bunney, clerk at the New York Office of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, resigned Apr. 30.

Mr. Robert Nordahl, clerk at the Omaha office of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division, who resigned Apr. 30, will be succeeded by Mr. Michael Cohen.

# THE BUREAU NEWS

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## 1. MAY 16 THE BUREAU'S EIGHTH BIRTHDAY.

The Bureau of Markets was eight years old yesterday, the creation of the "Office of Markets" having been authorized May 16, 1913, by the Secretary of Agriculture in the belief that it was the most effective way to carry out the "collection and diffusion of information on marketing" authorized by Congress. Mr. Charles J. Brand was appointed Chief of the Office. Mr. W. A. Sherman and Mr. R. V. Bailey were the first assistants appointed by Mr. Brand. The Office of Markets was first officially recognized by Congress in the agricultural appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1915 when \$200,000, a sum four times as great as the amount set aside for marketing work the previous year, was appropriated by Congress for the Office of Markets. In 1915 Rural Organization was made a part of the Office of Markets and the title changed to Office of Markets and Rural Organization. The growth of the office progressed rapidly through the normal working out of the plans, by the entrusting to it of the administration of agricultural laws of an economic nature, by the transfer of related lines of work from other bureaus and the swift development of work of various kinds to meet emergency demands during the war. Mr. Brand resigned in 1919 to enter commercial work and Mr. Livingston was made first Acting Chief and then Chief. The Bureau now has a staff of 1314 and 108 branch offices. The appropriation for the fiscal year 1921 was \$2,538,709. July 1 the Bureau of Crop Estimates and the Bureau of Markets will be consolidated into the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates.

## 2. ORGANIZE FOR LEGISLATIVE WORK.

Mr. Morrill attended a meeting of twelve Senators from agricultural states in the South and West, which was held the evening of May 9 at the offices of the American Farm Bureau Federation. In addition to the Senators, there were present Messrs. Silver and Reid of the Farm Bureau Federation, Honorable A. F. Lever of the Farm Loan Board, and Dr. H. C. Taylor and others of the Office of Farm Management. The purpose of the meeting was to bring about united action on measures affecting farmers. Senator Kenyon was selected Chairman and Mr. Gray Silver, Secretary. Subcommittees as follows were appointed to consider various legislative proposals: Amendment to Federal Reserve Act, Senators E. D. Smith, Gooding, and

Kendrick; proposals for more adequate warehousing and storage, Senators Norris, Ransdell, and Capper; Transportation, Senators LaFollette, Fletcher, and Sheppard; and general agricultural measures, Senators Ladd, Heflin, and Kenyon. The subcommittees are to report to the Chairman, and the meeting adjourned subject to his call.

### 3. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

H. R. 2373, a bill to authorize association of producers of agricultural products, has been passed by the House of Representatives, and referred by the Senate to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1084, a bill to provide a National budget system and an independent audit has been passed by the House, with amendments, and has gone to conference. The bill as amended by the House is similar to the budget bill passed by the last Congress and vetoed by the President.

S. 659, a bill to create a Federal Live Stock Commission, has been reported to the Senate from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. R. 5676, a bill designed to regulate future trading in grain, has been reported out of the Committee on Agriculture and was taken up for consideration in the Committee of the Whole House May 11.

### 4. PROFESSOR STEVENSON VISITS BUREAU.

Prof. W. H. Stevenson who was recently appointed permanent delegate of the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome is spending a week or ten days in Washington getting acquainted with the administrative staff and work of the Department. He spent several hours with Mr. Estabrook discussing the proceedings of the last general assembly of the Institute in November, 1920, at which Mr. Estabrook was a delegate. He also met Mr. Livingston, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Montgomery and other officials of the Bureau and discussed ways and means of improving international statistics and market information service. He will leave for Rome next week.

### 5. WAREHOUSE DIVISION TO ESTABLISH BRANCH.

To facilitate the inspectional work and the consideration of applications for licenses under the U. S. warehouse Act, and the furnishing of information or service, a branch office of the Warehouse Division will be established June 1 at Dallas, Tex. This office will be in charge of Mr. R. L. Newton of the Warehouse Division.



## 6. MOTION PICTURE OF SWEET POTATOES.

The motion picture film on sweet potatoes which is being made by the Department of Agriculture is nearing completion. When finished the film will tell the story of the sweet potato from the time it is planted until it reaches the table of the consumer. The Bureau of Plant Industry has directed the taking of the earlier parts of the picture which show the planting, cultivating and harvesting. The Bureau of Markets has recently completed the portion showing the warehousing, loading and shipping. Later it is hoped to make pictures of the preparation, cooking and serving of the potato under the direction of the Office of Home Economics.

The portion of the film made by the Bureau of Markets, from the storage house to the consumer, was prepared under the direction of Mr. R. G. Hill of the Office of the Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables in Transit and Storage. Most of the scenes were taken in Georgia and South Carolina. A special emphasis was laid on the pictures of storage houses. Pictures of the type of house recommended, the plans and most suitable methods of construction for storage houses were also photographed. The best methods of grading and packing, of loading the sweet potato on the cars, of stripping and bracing to prevent breaking, and of marketing, were also a part of the Bureau of Markets' contribution to the film.

## 7. PROTECTION OF GRAIN SAMPLES DURING TESTING.

Experiments, recently performed in the Research Laboratory of the Grain Division, show that samples must be handled with great care to avoid causing a change in the test weight of the sample and making it no longer representative in this respect of the supply from which it was drawn. It was found that a fresh sample of corn with a test weight of 51.9 pounds per bushel had a test weight of 54.2 pounds per bushel within 72 hours, an increase of 2.3 pounds per bushel. In the same length of time an increase of .9 pounds was noticed in the test weight of the wheat sample which tested 55.1 pounds per bushel at the beginning of the experiment and 56 pounds, 72 hours later. The fresh sample of corn had an original moisture content of 20.1% and the wheat an original moisture content of 16.5%. The increase of the test weight was attributed to the drying of the grain. The tests were made by allowing the samples to remain in a room that was warmer during the day than at night. It is thought that the test weight of the samples would have increased even more if they had been handled much or shipped through the mails in a cloth bag as is frequently the case in the grading of commercial grain.

#### 8. DEPARTMENTAL CLUB AT PHILADELPHIA.

A Departmental Club to be known as the Philadelphia Agriculture Club was formed May 4, in the offices of the Bureau of Markets in that city. Luncheon meetings will be held once a month. Mr. George R. Bliss of the Weather Bureau was elected Chairman of the club and Mr. Arthur Stengel of the Bureau of Chemistry, Secretary. Others who were present at the meeting were: Dr. Shaufler, Bureau of Animal Industry; Mr. Doucette and Mr. Haley of the Bureau of Entomology; Mr. George Morgan of the Bureau of Crop Estimates; Mr. Max Kisliuk of the Federal Horticultural Board and the following from the Bureau of Markets; Messrs. Stewart, Gaylord, Harris, Mueller, Warren and Biddle.

#### 9. DEPARTMENTAL CLUB IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Plans for a Departmental Club were made April 22, in Indianapolis by the local heads of the various bureaus represented there. Ten were present. Mr. G. C. Bryant of the Bureau of Crop Estimates was selected as Chairman and Mr. J. H. Armington of the Weather Bureau, Secretary of the tentative organization. A committee was appointed to make plans for future meetings and for the activities of the proposed organization. A second meeting will be held in the near future.

#### 10. INSPECTIONS FOR THE MARINE CORPS.

At all points where the Bureau of Markets makes inspections for the Navy, similar work is now being done for the Marine Corps, as a result of arrangements recently completed by the Department of Agriculture and the Navy Department. Inspections for the Navy and for the Marines are on the same basis and are made for the purpose of determining whether the produce offered complies with the terms of the contracts. It is thought that the heaviest part of the work for the Marines will be done in New York where potatoes and onions will be inspected for shipment to Haiti and San Domingo. These shipments amount to about 200,000 pounds of potatoes and 50,000 pounds of onions each month. The particular difficulty at this time of year is to get all old stock that is not sprouting as new potatoes and onions do not hold up well for long shipments into tropical countries.

#### 11. HEARING ON GARLICKY WHEAT

A special hearing on garlicky wheat grades was held Friday May 13 by Secretary Wallace. It was attended by representatives from Baltimore, Philadelphia and various points in Maryland and from wheat regions in the St. Louis district. The request for the hearing on garlicky wheat grew out of the recent hearing held for the benefit

of the Minnesota delegation which was interested in having certain changes made in the Federal grain standards. The Secretary's findings will be announced later.

12. COPY FOR MIMEOSCOPE STENCILS.

Stencils of maps and charts are made by tracing, a mimeoscope being used to outline the design to be traced. The stencil sheet is placed over the copy, above a strong light. As this shows up everything on both sides of the sheet, confusion results when both sides have been used. It is impossible to make a tracing unless the copy appears on one side of the sheet only.

13. IN THE LIBRARY

Amont the accessions in the Bureau Library for the week ending May 9 are the following:

Co-operative Associations. A survey of the cooperative associations in Nebraska for the year 1919.  
(1921) Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture. Bulletin 108)

Omaha Grain Exchange. Annual Report, 17th, 1920. 1921.

Sioux City Stock Yards Company. Annual Report, 34th, 1920.

Swift and Company. Year book, 1921.

U. S. Federal Trade Commission. A System of Accounts for Retail Merchants..... 1920.

U. S. Tariff Commission. Survey of the American Onion and Garlic Industry.... 1920.

U. S. Tariff Commission. Survey of the American Raw Cotton Industry... 1920.

The Bureau Library has received from the Ways and Means Committee in the House the Hearings of the Southern Tariff Association before the committee on "Tariff Problems of the South." It contains a memorial to the Ways and Means Committee from fifty-seven affiliated industries in the South, representing two-thirds of the wealth of the South, setting forth the need for a tariff on the products of southern industry.



EFFICIENCY

14. FOUR THOUSAND MONTHLY STATEMENTS ARE USED in compiling the periodic statement reports of the bureau. These are sent in by various firms. The record of each firm is kept on a separate card and these cards are filed by states and by cities, for convenience in checking the various reports. As the reports are received the cards are removed from the files, the cards remaining being those of the unreported firms to which "follow-ups" are sent. Re-sorting and putting the 4000 cards back in their proper order formerly required the work of one clerk for three days. Recently the cards have been given special numbers and designations so that it is now possible to punch and sort them in the Hollerith machines, a process that requires only one hour.

15. NUMBERING THE LETTERS SENT TO TRAVELERS has been found to be of value in one of the divisions of the bureau. This division urges men in the field to acknowledge letters referring to them by number and in this way an accurate record can be kept of correspondence sent by the Washington office and received by the traveler.

BUREAU BREVITIES

16. MISS DENNA HAMMER OF THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION was injured May 11 in an elevator accident in the Rieber Building and was taken to the Emergency Hospital. Although suffering from shock and bruises, an X-ray photograph showed that no bones were broken and it is thought that her injuries were not serious.

17. A CLASS OF ABOUT FIFTEEN STUDENTS from the Catholic University visited the Cotton Division of the Bureau May 11. Mr. A.M. Agelasto and Mr. G. S. Meloy showed the students around and gave them some information as to the official cotton standards as well as some general information relating to the cotton industry.

18. NEW QUARTERS ARE BEING FITTED UP FOR the use of the Bureau of Markets Food Products Inspection Service at the Charlestown Navy Yard near Boston. These will be provided with automatic scales and other conveniences for increasing the efficiency of the work.

19. A CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR SPECIALIST IN MARKET EXTENSION has been announced. Salaries of from \$3,000 to \$4,500 will be paid to successful competitors. The receipt of applications will close June 21. Further information may be obtained from the Personnel Section of the bureau or from the Civil Service Commission.

20. THE SUM OF \$25,000 HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED BY THE IOWA LEGISLATURE for "investigations in agricultural economics, including

the marketing of farm products." The expenditure of this amount will be made through the Agricultural Experiment Station at Ames, Iowa.

21. A CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR ASSOCIATE ECONOMIST in Marketing, has been announced. The salary range will be from \$3,000 to \$3,840 depending on the qualifications of the applicant. The receipt of applications will close June 21.
22. THE USE OF A COLLAPSIBLE BOX FOR TYING FLEECES is the subject of a mimeographed circular that has been prepared by Mr. George T. Willingmyre and Mr. W. A. Mueller of the Wool Division. It is now ready for distribution and will be sent on request.
23. SEVERAL COPIES OF "WOOL NOTES" DATED APRIL 22 have been returned to the Bureau with charred edges and a statement to the effect that these were salvaged from an air mail plane destroyed by fire May 6 at Rock Springs, Wyo.
24. THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, the Bureau of Crop Estimates and the Montana Extension Agent in Marketing, are planning to issue a marketing bulletin cooperatively.
25. THE MISSOURI STATE MARKETING BUREAU at Jefferson City, Mo., has prepared a bulletin entitled "Missouri Purebred Live Stock Directory, Showing Marketable Surplus."
26. A BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF SECRETARY WALLACE was given by the Bureau Chiefs of the Department May 12 at the Cosmos Club.
27. SUPERVISORS FROM THE ATLANTIC COAST DIVISION OF THE GRAIN Division met in Baltimore May 9 and 10 to consider supervision questions.
28. STATE DIVISIONS OF MARKETS have been formed in Colorado and Michigan.
29. BRANCH OFFICE DIRECTORY:  
  
Fort Worth, Tex. Inspection office closed for the summer.  
  
Houston, Tex. Inspection office closed for the summer.  
  
New York, N. Y. Change telephone number of Grain Division Branch office to Bowling Green 10492.  
  
Seattle, Wash. Change telephone number of Grain Division to Main 2367.

PERSONALS

Mr. G. C. Edler of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division will leave Washington today for an extensive western trip. He will interview paid and voluntary seed correspondents and will obtain additional correspondents at some of the principal seed shipping points in far western seed producing areas and will also make investigations of seed markets. Mr. Edler will visit the following points: Rapid City, S. Dak.; Sterling and Denver, Colo.; Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah; Twin Falls, Boise, and Caldwell, Idaho; Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.; and Yuma, Ariz. While in San Francisco Mr. Edler will confer with Mr. W. S. Wilkinson of the California State Department of Agriculture concerning a new seed law in that state. He will return to St. Louis in time to attend the meetings of the American Seed Trade Convention, June 22 to 24.

Mr. E. A. Foley, the London representative of the bureau is touring the Scandanavian countries in order to collect data on fruit markets. He will visit Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Mr. George T. Willingmyre, in charge of the Wool Marketing Section, left Washington May 10 for a trip through the Middle West for the purpose of cooperating with state and college officials, also field representatives of the bureau, in solving marketing problems and to demonstrate the grading of wool in accordance with the tentative wool grades of the bureau.

Mr. W. M. King of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division left May 15 and will visit hay shipping points in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa, for the purpose of investigating hay market conditions and obtaining representative samples of hay for the hay standardization office.

Mr. J. M. Workman of the Warehouse Division with headquarters in Raleigh, N. C., spent a few days in Washington last week.

Mr. L. S. Tenny of the Division of Cooperative Relations spoke at the meeting of the Grange of Prince George County, Maryland, which was held May 12 at Chillum Heights, Md. His subject was the "Progress and Development of Cooperative Marketing in the United States."

Mr. G. O. Gatlin of the Division of Cooperative Relations attended the meeting held May 11 and 12 in Boston to plan a cooperative crop reporting service to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates and the New England States. Mr. C. E. Gage of the Bureau of Crop Estimates also attended the meeting.



# THE BUREAU NEWS

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## 1. ASSOCIATED PRESS TO DISTRIBUTE MARKET NEWS.

The Associated Press began the distribution of market news for the benefit of "up state" New York papers May 16. The reports which are furnished cooperatively are sent out between the hours of 4 and 5 P. M., standard time. Plans for this news service were made at a conference recently held in New York City, which was attended by Mr. W. A. Wheeler of the Division of Market Information, Mr. Herschel Jones, Director of the New York State Department of Foods and Markets, Prof. H. E. Babcock of Cornell University and officials of the Associated Press. Requests for the service have been made by the following papers: The Buffalo Courier, Buffalo; The Democrat-Chronicle, Rochester; The Utica Daily Press, Utica; The Knickerbocker Daily Press, Albany; and The Post Standard, Syracuse.

The news matter is being furnished jointly by the State Division of Markets and the Federal bureau, and is sent from New York City. The reports will include prices on fruits and vegetables, country dressed meats, a statement of the Buffalo feed market and a special resume of general market news and conditions. Similar cooperative work may be established later in other states.

## 2. FIRE IN THE GRAIN INVESTIGATIONS LABORATORY.

Two rooms of the Grain Investigations Laboratory located in the West Wing of the Agricultural Building were damaged by fire and water on Friday, May 19, about noon. The fire was caused by an accidental explosion of chemicals. No one was injured and the fire was brought under control in a short time. The room in which the explosion occurred was badly burned and the laboratory equipment, including several rather large and expensive pieces of equipment, was almost totally destroyed. The work of this laboratory is carried on under the direction of Dr. D. A. Coleman.

## 3. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

H. R. 5676, a bill introduced by Mr. Tincher for the purpose of regulating future trading in grain has been passed by the House and referred by the Senate to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. R. 4900, a bill introduced by Mr. Vestal, fixing standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables has been reported to the House from the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

H. R. 6300, making appropriations to supply certain deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and prior years, etc., has been reported to the House from the Committee on Appropriations.

H. R. 6320, a bill to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in live stock, live-stock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products and eggs, was reported to the House from the Committee on Agriculture.

H. R. 6298, a bill to provide for the classification of civilian positions within the District of Columbia and in the field service, has been introduced by Mr. Lehlbach, and referred to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service. Hearings are being held before the Joint Committee on Reclassification on this subject.

H. R. 6299, a bill to prevent the sale of cotton and grain in future markets has been introduced by Mr. Parks.

H. R. 6315, a bill to amend section 5 of the United States cotton futures Act, has been introduced by Mr. Stevenson.

#### 4. MR. HOOVER ON THE COTTON PROBLEM.

On Wednesday of last week, Secretary Hoover discussed the cotton problem with Mr. Morrill, Mr. Meadows and Mr. Pryor who are going abroad in June to represent the Bureau of Markets at the Worlds' Cotton Conference to be held in Liverpool and to gather information on conditions in foreign markets. Mr. Hoover stated that he believed the two most important factors in the cotton problem were the curtailment of consumption due to the war and the determination of methods for long time credits to cotton growers. He said that little progress can be made without long time credits as it will be some time before the Europeans will resume their prewar consumption of cotton.

#### 5. OFFICE OF INSPECTION AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

An office of Inspection of Food Products will be opened May 25 at Louisville, Kentucky, as a result of long standing requests for local inspection service from the Chamber of Commerce and from the Louisville branch of the National League of Commission Merchants. The office, which will be in charge of Mr. M. C. Gregory, will be located in Room 521, U. S. Custom House and Post Office Building. Mr. R. C. Butner will spend a few days in Louisville assisting in the opening of the office.

#### 6. MODEL WAREHOUSES SHOWN.

Mr. J. M. Workman of the Warehouse Division gave a talk and showed sketches and models of cotton warehouses May 17 in the Linworth Building, to a group of people who had been invited there for that purpose. Mr. Workman has completed 22 sets of sketches and designs for warehouses and these are almost ready for distribution. The entire study when finished will consist of 30 or more sets of sketches and a number of models. Six or eight sets of the models were on exhibition on Tuesday. These have been made by Mr. J. F. Barghausen of this Bureau and have carried out the plans and specifications in minute details, even to perforations in the little sprinkler pipes and tiny bales of cotton which give a realistic appearance to the warehouses. These models will be used at county fairs and other places where demonstrations are to be made. Mr. Workman's talk consisted of a statement of the work that he has been doing and resume of some of the problems connected with the construction of proper warehouses.

#### 7. VISITORS FROM CHILE.

Mr. Vincente Valdivia and Mr. Nicolas Valdivia, of the Chilean Department of Agriculture, visited the Bureau of Markets Monday, May 16, and spent some time studying the work of the Project of Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables in Transit and Storage. They were particularly interested in methods of packing, containers, machinery used in manufacturing containers and in the construction of refrigerator cars. They were also much interested in the reports of the recent shipments through the Panama Canal that have been studied by the bureau and in the equipment used in these experiments.

Messrs. Valdivia accompanied a shipment of apples, grapes, peaches and casaba melons from Chile to New York, where the fruit was successfully marketed a short time ago. They will go to Chicago and later to California to study methods of handling fruit in this country. Their headquarters in Chile are at Santiago de Chile where they are connected with the transportation work of the Department of Agriculture.

#### 8. NEWS SERVICE STATIONS.

Mr. E. R. Biddle, of the News Service Station of Philadelphia, is making preparations for the special annual service for the potato growers of New Jersey and of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. This entire territory will be served from Philadelphia this season. Mr. Biddle made a trip to Onley and Cape Charles, Va., May 20, to arrange for f.o.b. reports on potatoes.

The news service station on strawberries at Humboldt, Tenn., has been closed and Mr. Lee R. Miller, who was in charge there, has gone to



Monett, Mo., to operate a similar service which will be opened this week. The Judsonia, Ark., field station on strawberries closed Saturday and Mr. O. D. Miller, who has been in charge there, went to St. Louis to substitute for Mr. C. E. Schultz, who will be on leave for a week. Although the market news service station at Laredo, Texas, closed last Friday, Mr. R. H. Shoemaker, who has been in charge there, will remain for about ten days working on a proposed bulletin on the marketing of Bermuda onions. From Laredo Mr. Shoemaker will go to Crystal Springs, Miss., to operate a temporary field station on tomatoes.

#### 9. VISITORS TO THE BUREAU.

Prof. O. H. Larsen, of the Royal Agricultural College of Denmark, and Director L. Nanneson, of the Agricultural Economics Bureau of Sweden, visited this bureau last week and studied the work of some of the Divisions. They were accompanied by Mr. S. Sorenson, the Agricultural Adviser to the Danish Legation of this city. They were particularly interested in the methods of collecting and distributing news in use in the bureau and in the grading and standardizing of products.

#### 10. COLD STORAGE OF MILLED RICE.

In the spring and summer months milled rice is infested with weevils in the South to such an extent that preserving its merchantable quality becomes a serious problem according to a report recently made by Mr. W. D. Smith of the Rice Investigations of this bureau. In normal years weevil development has not progressed far by May 1 and placing the rice in cold storage at this time arrests further development. A temperature of about 45 degrees Fahrenheit is generally used. If the rice is badly infested before being placed in cold storage it is usually subjected to a temperature of 30 to 35 degrees, which warehousemen say will kill the weevils present but not the larvae or eggs. Such rice is sometimes left in this lower temperature until sold. Often, however, after remaining in the room with the lower temperature for a time it is transferred to a higher temperature. In no case is it subjected to a temperature of more than 50 F. as long as it remains in cold storage. This method of preservation has been tried because while the treatment of the rice with carbon disulphid and other insecticides will kill the live weevils present at the time of the treatment, it will not prevent the development of new weevils during storage.

#### 11. USE OF DITTO MARKS ON FIELD PAYROLLS.

In the preparation of payrolls in branch offices the bureau officers who handle them in Washington wish to have ditto marks used as follows: In the column "Address to which check is to be mailed" the address of the field office should be written opposite the first name, as for example, 610 Keyser Building, and the ditto mark should be used on the following lines where the address is the same as given on the first line.

Also in the column "Period of Service" under "from" and "to" the year "1921" should be inserted and opposite the first name the period should be shown as follows:

From	To	No. of Days.
1921	1920	
5/1	5/1	31

The ditto marks should be used for all the following names where the same period of service is shown.

## 12. IN THE LIBRARY.

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending May 18, are the following:

Grain Dealers National Association. Decisions of the Arbitration and Appeals Committee...1920.

National League of Commission Merchants of the U. S. Membership list...1921.

National Poultry, Butter and Eggs Association. Hand book...1921.

U. S. Tariff Commission. Survey of American Cotton Seed Oil Industry. 1920.

U. S. Tariff Commission. Survey of the American Bean Industry...1920.

U. S. Tariff Commission. Survey of the American Coconut Products Industry...1920.

Wilson, C. N. - A System of Accounts for Cooperative Warehouse. 1920. (Wis. Division of Markets. Bul., vol. 1, No. 5)

Wilson, C. N. - A System of Accounts for Live Stock Shipping Associations. 1920. (Wis. Division of Markets. Bul. vol. 1. No. 4)

## BUREAU BREVITIES

13. THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL OF FARM BUREAUS' CONFERENCE which was held May 12 was well attended. The committee on cooperative organization, which had been appointed by the Council, submitted a plan which was approved for the most part. A committee was appointed to study and recommend further plans for financing and operating the organization.

14. THE STATEMENT THAT THE BUREAU HAS 103 BRANCH OFFICES which appeared in The Bureau News last week was incorrect. The number of branch offices and the projects represented in them, varies from month to month. On April 30 the bureau had a total of 75 branch offices and the total number of project branches which composed them was 104.

15. THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF FARMS AND MARKETS has been created in New York State. This commissioner will be the chief executive officer of the Department of Farms and Markets. Most of the duties and powers formerly vested in the Council of Farms and Markets will be assigned to this official.

16. A THREE DAY CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT SUPERVISORS was held May 9 at the Pacific Coast Headquarters. Six supervisors were in attendance. Mr. H. K. Holman, Jr., of the Warehouse Division, discussed the problems and purpose of the Warehouse Division and outlined methods of assistance and cooperation.

17. COMPLETE LISTS OF WAREHOUSEMEN, CLASSIFIERS, INSPECTORS, graders and weighers licensed under the U. S. warehouse Act are contained in Service and Regulatory Announcements (Markets) No. 68 now ready for distribution. For copies address the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

18. THE BUREAU OF MARKETS DANCE, which was held last Saturday evening in the private ball room of the Arcade, was attended by about 100 couples and was considered a great success. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Morrill, and Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook were the patrons.

19. THE DEPARTMENT EXHIBITION OF GRAPHIC ARTS at the Public Library was continued until May 22 in order to give ample opportunity for people of the Department and the public to see it. During the early part of the exhibition the inclement weather interfered with the attendance.

20. MONDAY, MAY 30, WILL BE A HOLIDAY IN ALL BRANCH OFFICES AND in the Washington office, according to the statement contained in the Memorial Day Proclamation of President Harding, copies of which have been sent to the Chiefs of Bureaus, Divisions and Offices in the Department.

21. A CONFERENCE ON WOOL GRADES WILL BE HELD MAY 28 in Mr. Livingston's office. Mr. C. J. Fawcett, of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will discuss the question with a number of men in the bureau who are especially interested in wool grading.

22. MARKETS DOCUMENTS 9 AND 10 HAVE BEEN COMBINED AND REVISED to form Farmers Bulletin 1145, now off the press. "Handling and Transportation of Western Cantaloupes" is the new title and the authors are Messrs. McKay, Fischer and Nelson.



23. VICTORY MEDALS WERE RECENTLY DISTRIBUTED TO 14 members of the bureau staff by Lieutenant Barlow of the War Department. The War Department is making an effort to find men entitled to these medals and present them wherever possible.

24. THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF WHEAT TO BE SENT FROM SAN FRANCISCO by water since the Federal grades went into effect was made last week. It consisted of 13,991 bushels of wheat that graded No. 1 White Club.

25. THE CHARGE FOR GRADING A BALE OF COTTON will be 30 cents after the first of June. Secretary Wallace signed the order making this change May 19. The present charge for this service is 40 cents.

26. A RESOLUTION DEMANDING THAT THE STATE BUREAU OF MARKETS be abolished and the work taken over by the State College of Agriculture was passed at a recent meeting of the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation.

27. THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE RECENTLY PASSED A BILL PROVIDING standard grades for certain species of hay and also providing for fines for violations of the law.

#### PERSONALS.

Mr. Livingston will leave this evening to attend meetings of the Live Stock Committee of Fifteen which are to be held this week in Chicago.

Mr. Estabrook spent last week at Frederick, Md.

Mr. H. F. Fitts, who has been assisting Secretary Wallace for the past two months, has returned to the Bureau of Markets to resume his duties as Assistant in Regulatory Work.

Before sailing for Europe to attend the meetings of the World Cotton Conference, Mr. W. R. Meadows, of the Cotton Division, will attend a special meeting of the American Cotton Association to be held May 30 in the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York. He will read a paper on "Uniform Standards for American Cotton."

Mr. E. N. Bates, of the Grain Division, has recently made an extended trip through the Central and Western States to demonstrate the aspirator which he has invented for removing dockage from grain at the time of threshing.

Mr. W. A. Sherman, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, returned to Washington May 16 after a trip through the West and South in the interests of the work of the Domestic Wool Section and of the Fruit and Vegetable Division. Mr. Sherman's trip included the following points: College Station and Austin, Tex.; Kansas City, Warrenton and St. Louis, Mo.; Springfield, Ill.; Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa and Dubuque,

Iowa; Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago. While in Chicago, Mr. Sherman attended a meeting of the American Peanut Association and secured the adoption of the grades on Spanish shelled peanuts that have been recommended.

Mr. E. H. Mueller, of the Philadelphia office of inspection, was called to his home in Milwaukee May 13 by the serious illness of his mother. Mr. Herbert Graff, of the New York staff, has been filling Mr. Mueller's place in his absence.

Mr. H. W. Samson, of the Grades and Standards Section, spent May 11 to 15 in Los Angeles and went from there to Portland and Seattle. He will visit Spokane before beginning his return trip to Washington.

Mr. E. W. Stillwell left Washington May 19 on an extended trip in the interests of the work on peach grading. He may not return until the middle of July. He will probably visit Aberdeen, N. C.; Greenville, S. C.; Atlanta and Fort Valley, Ga.; and Atmore, Ala. He will make practical tests of the proposed grades for peaches in the Fort Valley section and conduct similar experiments in the North Carolina producing sections. At Greenville, S. C. he will discuss the operation of a municipal curb market with the local authorities.

Mr. W. C. Ten Eyck, of the Telegraphic Section, left May 17 for a trip through the West. He will go to the field station on strawberries now being operated at Monett, Mo., to investigate the possibilities of radio market news service for field stations. He will also study the radio news service on markets now in operation at Omaha and St. Louis to see what improvements could be made in the service. On his return he will stop at Cincinnati to visit the radio news service station to be established there.

Mr. Fred W. Read, Specialist in Standardization for the California Department of Agriculture, Sacramento, Calif., has been spending some time in Washington conferring with specialists of the Bureau of Markets and discussing problems of standardization and inspection. While in Washington Mr. Read and Mr. L. E. Tenny, of the Division of Cooperative Relations, drew up a memorandum of agreement for cooperative work between the Bureau of Markets and the California Department of Agriculture. Mr. Read was for many years connected with this bureau. While in this part of the country he also made official trips to New York City and Boston.

Mr. G. W. Morrison, of the Grain Division, left Washington May 16 to visit New York, Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Nashville and Louisville for the purpose of conferring with field officials of the Grain Division regarding facilities, equipment and allotments of funds relative to the grain supervision operation and procedure in the field for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. D. H. Rose, Pathologist on the Chicago Inspection staff, spent a few days in Washington conferring in regard to the proposed issuance of some leaflets on the diseases of various fruits.

Mr. J. H. Edwards, of the Board of Review, Chicago, spent two days in Atlanta last week and discussed the interpretation of grades with supervision officials, the local inspector and the trade. Later he left for Cincinnati.

Mr. K. B. Seeds, of the Atlanta office of the Grain Division, left May 18 for a two or three weeks' trip, in the course of which he will visit points in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Mr. J. S. Watson, Jr., has been appointed statistical clerk in the Bureau of Crop Estimates office at Atlanta, succeeding Miss Rosalie T. Scott, who has been transferred to the U. S. Public Health Service.

Mr. H. E. Truax, of the Los Angeles office, spent most of the first half of the month of May in the Coachella Valley in company with Mr. H. H. Warner of the California State Department of Agriculture. He has been assisting the State Inspection service in establishing inspection grades on Bermuda onions in the Valley.

Mr. P. M. Williams and Mr. H. A. Harris, of the Market News Service, left Los Angeles May 20 for Brawley, Calif., where they will operate a field station on cantaloupes.

Mr. G. O. Gatlin, of the Division of Cooperative Relations, left May 23 for a two weeks' trip to various points in Alabama and Mississippi.

Mr. W. A. Wheeler, of the Division of Market Information, made an address on Market News to the specialists in extension in the Department of Agriculture at a meeting called for that purpose May 24.

Mr. F. L. Harkey, Agent in Marketing in South Carolina, is spending a week in Washington studying the work of this bureau.

Mr. D. L. James, Assistant in Marketing Dairy Products, attended a conference at Wilmington, Del., last week with milk producers' representatives. He also conferred with manufacturers of powdered milk in New York and Philadelphia regarding the issuance of a monthly powdered milk market report to be issued by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products.

Mr. L. M. Davis, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, left May 18 for New Orleans, La., Jackson, Miss., and Selma, Ala., for the purpose of conferring with a committee of Mississippi creamerymen regarding possible outlets for the sale of Mississippi creamery butter in southern markets, especially New Orleans.



Mr. C. W. Fryhofer, Supervising Inspector of Dairy Products, was a Washington visitor the first of last week, stopping over on his way to Chicago.

Dr. W. L. Wanlass, Research Agent in Marketing in Utah, has recently been made Director of the School of Commerce and Business Administration in the Agricultural College of Utah.

Miss Ethelyn C. Winslow, formerly head clerk in the Addressing and Duplicating Section, has been transferred to the Branch of Operation, where she will be head clerk in place of Mrs. Judith M. Fishburn, who resigned a short time ago. Miss Winslow's former position in the Addressing and Duplicating Section will be filled by Mrs. Ida R. Miner.

Mr. A. W. Herger, of the Chicago office of the Grain Division, visited Washington recently and after a short stay left for New York. Before returning to Chicago he went to Buffalo to investigate the handling of export grain originating at lake ports.

Miss Lillian Crosby, clerk-typist in the bureau office at National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, resigned her position May 16 to accept a position as teacher under the Federal Board of Vocational Training.

Miss Jessie A. Miller of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, who has been in the section compiling the mail reports of shipments, has resigned.

Miss Irma E. Kochtitzky, formerly in the Stenographic Section in Washington, has recently been assigned to duty at the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Ill.

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## 1. COOPERATIVE MARKETING WORK.

The following memorandum was sent to Division and Section leaders on May 23:

For some time consideration has been given to the question of organizing the cooperative marketing activities of the bureau in a way to serve best the needs of the country. There is wide-spread interest in cooperative marketing work and the bureau is expected to take an active and constructive part in it. Cooperative marketing work is so closely and intimately connected with the marketing work in general of the several commodity divisions that it seems desirable, after full consideration, to relate the cooperative marketing work more closely with the work of the several divisions. With this object in view, I am asking Mr. Tenny, Assistant to the Chief, to take charge of the cooperative marketing work of the bureau and to arrange with the several commodity divisions for the employment of commodity specialists who are qualified in cooperative marketing. In order that the several divisions of the bureau may follow the same policy with reference to cooperative marketing work, I am asking Mr. Tenny to assume full authority, of course, after consultation with administrative officials, for the outlining of general bureau policies.

After Mr. Tenny has had an opportunity to consult the various division leaders and to outline the plan of organization, a more detailed statement regarding the cooperative marketing work of the bureau will be issued.

(Signed) George Livingston,  
Chief of Bureau.

## 2. DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS FORMED.

Mr. Estabrook has been appointed a member of an advisory committee of five, formed by the Secretary, of which Assistant Secretary Ball, Chairman, Dr. H. C. Taylor, Dr. W. A. Taylor, and Dr. John R. Mohler are the other members. The committee will consider the economics of the agricultural situation, bringing together such data as may be available on the various factors affecting the economic situation of agriculture, and recommend such action as may be taken to improve conditions. The committee has begun to hold meetings and has outlined a tentative program

of procedure. The resources of the Department of Agriculture in the bringing together of such data as may be available will be utilized and agricultural leaders and economists in different sections of the country will be consulted.

### 3. BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES SAIL TOMORROW FOR EUROPE.

Mr. Chester Morrill, Mr. W. R. Meadows and Mr. W. L. Pryor will sail June 1 on the S. S. Adriatic for Liverpool. After attending meetings of the World's Cotton Conference to be held there June 12 to 22, they will attend a conference of the International Chamber of Commerce in London, June 27-30. Mr. Meadows and Mr. Pryor will then travel on the Continent, visiting the principal ports of entry, the principal cotton exchanges, the milling centers of Western and Central Europe and also the cotton-growing regions of the Nile in Egypt and the cotton areas in Asia Minor. They will study the statistical situation and the present and prospective marketing outlook. They will also arrange for the collection of statistical data to be sent to the bureau. The entire trip will probably take about three months. At the Cotton Conference in Liverpool, Mr. Morrill and Mr. Meadows will deliver addresses, and Mr. Pryor will serve on the committee of Research and Statistics. They will also explain and advocate the adoption of the United States Standard Cotton grades as a basis for the world trade in American cotton.

### 4. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST.

S. 1084 providing for a national budget system and an independent audit of Government accounts has been reported out of conference. The bill as agreed to in conference places the proposed Bureau of the Budget under the Treasury Department.

H. R. 6300, the second Deficiency Bill which is under discussion in the House carries an item of \$5000 for the consolidation of the addressing and duplicating work of the department.

S. 1866, introduced by Mr. Ball, provides for the amendment of the Act establishing standard weights and measures for the District of Columbia.

H. R. 6379, introduced by Mr. Steenerson, prescribes standards and grades for spring wheat.

H. R. 6378, introduced by Mr. McDuffie, provides for the creation of a Department of Conservation.

H. R. 6430, introduced by Mr. Simmot, is a bill to preserve the live-stock industry of the United States, to release for commercial, agricultural, and industrial purposes certain funds of banks, live-stock loaning and trust companies, etc.



S. 1844, introduced by Mr. Stanfield, is similar to the bill introduced by Mr. Sinnott, (H.R. 6430).

5. PEACHES AND WATERMELONS.

On a 5-year average Georgia leads all of the States in carload shipments of peaches, 5,616 being the average compiled from the records of the Bureau of Markets. Although 28 states ship in carload lots, only 6 states ship in quantities over 1,000 carloads: Georgia, California, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, and Ohio. Although the heavy shipping season for Georgia does not begin until June, during the last half of May carloads of peaches are shipped daily for points North and West. The Georgia season is so early that during the first part of it there is competition only from California and Texas.

Georgia ships more than twice as many watermelons as any other state. Considering the watermelon-producing area of Georgia, Florida and Alabama as a unit, as is usually done commercially, this section ships 1/3 of the entire commercial watermelon crop of the country. Georgia's five-year average is above 9,000 cars, while the average for the section is more than 14,000 cars.

6. COOPERATIVE CROP REPORTING IN NEW ENGLAND.

The development of a cooperative crop-reporting service for the New England States was discussed at a meeting held May 11 in Boston. State appropriations will make it possible for the New England States to cooperate as a unit. The service will cover a variety of products. Methods of using these appropriations will be considered by a special committee consisting of representatives from the State Departments of Agriculture. This committee will meet June 17 in Boston.

7. ELIMINATION OF PROVISION FOR 10% TRANSFERS OF FUNDS.

For the past several years a paragraph has been included in the annual appropriation Act for the Department of Agriculture which provided that not to exceed 10% of any amount appropriated for the miscellaneous expenses of the work of any bureau, division or office shall be available interchangeably for expenditures on the objects included within the general expenses of such bureau, division or office, but that no more than 10% shall be added to any one item of the appropriation except in cases of extraordinary emergency, and then only upon the written order of the Secretary of Agriculture. Under this paragraph it has been possible to transfer money from one general expense item to another. Such action could be taken when one general expense item, by reason of unexpected demands, became depleted, and another general expense item, owing to fewer demands than had been anticipated, held more funds than probably would be needed.

No such provision is included in the appropriation Act for the coming fiscal year. Therefore, it will be impossible to transfer any funds whatever from one appropriation to another.

As a matter of fact, the Bureau of Markets has availed itself of the privilege permitted by this paragraph only once in its entire history. However, it is thought well to call the attention of division heads and project leaders responsible for the utilization of funds allotted to their respective lines of work to the fact that hereafter no actual deficit could possibly be adjusted by any such transfer of funds.

8. DEPARTMENTAL CLUB AT ST. JOSEPH, MO.

A meeting of the heads of the various offices of the Department of Agriculture located at St. Joseph, Mo., was held in the Federal Grain Supervision office May 4, and the St. Joseph Department of Agriculture Contact Club organized. The following officers were chosen: Mr. W. S. Belden, Weather Bureau, vice-president; Mr. J. P. Stanfield, secretary; and Mr. Guy Q. McDaniel, County Agent, publicity agent. Although no specific meeting dates have been scheduled, it is expected that members of the club will meet once a month to talk over the different phases of the work being carried on at this point as well as to become better acquainted.

9. LOUISIANA U. S. D. A. CLUB HOLDS BANQUET.

The first banquet of the Louisiana Club of the U.S.D.A. was held at the Old Absinthe House Restaurant in New Orleans on Saturday evening, May 7. The program consisted of short talks, songs and dancing.

10. INSURANCE RATES REDUCED ON BONDED WAREHOUSES.

Insurance rates on warehouses bonded under the U. S. warehouse Act, have been reduced 25% in Arkansas, according to a statement made by Mr. T. F. Baker, Manager of the Arkansas Fire Protection Bureau. The first request for the rating of such a warehouse came in October, 1920, and in response an amendment was made to the cotton schedules providing for a 25% credit off of the final rate arrived at from a correct application of the schedule. This rate is applicable to both sprinklered and unsprinklered risks.

11. STUDENTS VISIT BUREAU.

The party of senior students from the Catholic University, which recently visited the bureau, returned May 18, accompanied by a member of the faculty, for the purpose of making a special study of the Wool Marketing Section. Mr. W. D. Willingmyre, in charge of the preparation of the exhibits and tentative wool grades, gave a talk on the work of the section as well as considerable information pertaining to the wool industry in general.

12. UTILIZATION OF STATIONERY AFTER JULY 1, 1921.

After July 1, 1921, there will be no Bureau of Markets and no Bureau of Crop Estimates. New letterheads and new issues of forms which reach the public will be prepared for use, beginning July 1. The utilization of the stock of stationery of the two bureaus which will remain on hand on June 30 constitutes something of a problem. No Bureau of Markets or Bureau of Crop Estimates form or letterhead which goes outside the bureau should be used after the bureaus have been united. The forms of the Bureau of Markets used in handling personnel actions, keeping inventory records, and relating to the other business and administrative affairs of the bureau will be used until the supply has been exhausted, with the exception of certain forms that reach the public. The supply of envelopes of all kinds of both bureaus on hand after July 1 will be used until exhausted. The Bureau of Markets and the Bureau of Crop Estimates letterheads may be used after July 1 for intra-bureau correspondence, but not to carry letters which are to go outside the bureau. Supplies of all letterheads, envelopes, blanks and forms with the new heading will be secured and used after the supplies of the Bureau of Markets forms are exhausted.

13. IN THE LIBRARY.

The Bureau Library has received Volume I, of the papers of the Agricultural History Society, April, 1921. The first paper is "A Brief History of the Sheep Industry of the United States," by L. G. Connor. This contribution of 197 pages is divided into six parts as follows: First period (until 1808) - The Sheep Industry Part of a Self-Sufficing Economy; Second period (1808-1830) - Wool Growing Becomes a Commercial Enterprise; Third period (1830-1845) - The East Supreme in Wool Production; Fourth period (1845-1860) - The Westward Shift in Wool Production; Fifth period (1860-1870) - The Civil War; Sixth period (1870-1915) - Continuation of the Westward Shift.

Another paper is by the late Prof. William Trimble, on "Historical Aspects of the Surplus Food Production of the United States, 1862-1902."

The New York Commercial issued on May 21, its 125th anniversary number, a magazine of 80 pages containing many articles of interest. The following are some of them: Shipping Our Cotton, by George M. Massey; Forces Shaping the Packing Industry, by P. D. Armour, III; Half a Century of Meat Production, by G. F. Swift, Jr.; 125 Years of American Commerce, by Joseph H. Defrees, President, Chamber of Commerce of United States.



BUREAU BREVITIES

14. EACH CARLOT SHIPMENT OF POTATOES originating in Nebraska must be assorted and graded at the point of origin, as a result of a recent State law. The law also provides for four grades of potatoes, and requires that a certificate of inspection specifying grade or a permit for shipment shall be posted in the car before it is released for shipment. Provision is also made for reinspection at destination on the request of any interested party.
15. A RESEARCH COURSE IN THE MARKETING OF FARM PRODUCTS will be given in 1921-22 in Columbia University, under the direction of Prof. Asher Hobson, of the Department of Economic Agriculture. Most of the investigational work will be conducted from the New York Office of the Bureau of Markets which is in the center of the wholesale produce district of that city.
16. MARKET NEWS REPORTING STATIONS at the following points will open on or about the dates indicated: Washington, N. C., potatoes, May 31; Crystal Springs, Miss., tomatoes, June 1; Jacksonville, Tex., tomatoes, June 6; Fort Valley, Ga., peaches, June 6; Thomasville, Ga., water-melons, June 13; Elizabeth City, N. C., potatoes, June 30.
17. MOTION PICTURES showing the work of the Department of Agriculture were shown for the benefit of several diplomats of Latin-American countries May 23. The guests were received by Secretary and Mrs. Wallace, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Ball, and Chairman Haugen of the House Agricultural Committee.
18. THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FLORIDA STATE MARKETING BUREAU was recently increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000 by the legislature. The executive committee, which has been an important factor in the marketing work of that state, was abolished.

19. BRANCH OFFICE DIRECTORY.

Norfolk, Va. Address of Inspection office is 314 Board of Trade Building.

Louisville, Ky. Add the following office:

Inspection of Perishable Foods Branch Office:  
In Charge, Marvin C. Gregory,  
521 U. S. Post Office and Court House.

PERSONALS

Mr. W. A. Sherman will represent the Bureau of Markets at a fruit marketing conference to be held June 1 at Hagerstown, Md. Problems of

standardization, inspection, transportation and market reporting as applied to fruit crops in the Cumberland, Potomac and Shenandoah Valleys will be discussed. State marketing officials from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania will be present at the conference.

The appointment of Mr. Theodore Macklin, who has been serving as Research Agent in Marketing since December, 1920, with headquarters at Madison, Wis., has been terminated because of the discontinuance of the cooperative work in that State.

Messrs. Robert S. Owens, John Travis, and Ross Chambers have reported for duty as grain samplers at Duluth, Minn., Kansas City, Mo., and Galveston, Tex., respectively.

Mr. Wilbur H. Brous, grain sampler, reported for duty at the Kansas City office of Federal Grain Supervision May 20.

Mrs. Helen West of the Grain Division was called to her home in Boston on account of the death of her mother.

Mrs. Lura B. Fulkerson, assistant secretary to the Chief, resigned May 23 and will leave Washington soon for Norfolk, Va.

Mr. H. C. Slade returned to Washington May 25 from New York where he has been inspecting Government cotton standards.

Mr. W. R. Meadows spent Tuesday in New York in connection with administrative matters at the New York office. He also consulted with leading cotton merchants on matters of interest to the cotton trade.

Mr. W. C. Davis of the Live Stock, and Meats and Wool Division, left Washington May 23 for a trip to Boston, New York and Philadelphia in the interest of the meat-reporting service.

Mr. Arnold E. Graham, who recently underwent an operation at Walter Reed Hospital, is greatly improved and will return to duty within the next few days.

Mr. U. L. Upson, General Manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, Portland, Ore., visited the bureau May 25 and 26, to obtain information relative to the imports and exports of eggs.

Mr. B. C. Moomaw, formerly Assistant in State Cooperation in Marketing, visited the bureau May 26.

Mr. R. H. Taylor, formerly connected with the California Department of Agriculture, and who is now connected with the field Department of the California Almond Growers Exchange, called on Mr. Estabrook last week to discuss the almond industry.

Mr. Lloyd S. Tenny represented the Bureau of Markets and Mr. Frank Andrews represented the Bureau of Crop Estimates at the annual meeting of the Division of States Relations of the National Research Council held May 19 in Washington, D. C. A number of prominent Federal and State officials took part in the program.

Mr. Leo Stuhr, Secretary of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, was in Washington the early part of last week and conferred with the Chief of the Bureau and various division heads in regard to laws recently passed in Nebraska.

Mr. B. L. Perkins, who has been ill for about six weeks, has returned to his work.

Mr. John W. Law, of the Fruits and Vegetable Division, has announced his intention to leave the service about June 1, to accept a position in Los Angeles. Mr. Law has been with the bureau exactly seven years, serving for the first four years as an Assistant in Marketing by Parcel Post. On April 1, 1918, Mr. Law was transferred to the Food Products Inspection project as an inspector on the New York staff. In the fall of 1919, he was placed in charge of the inspection work at Denver. Upon the closing of the Denver office in May, 1920, he assumed charge of both the Market News and Inspection work in Los Angeles. Mr. C. L. Brown, technical assistant in the Chicago office of the Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service, is en route to Los Angeles, where he will carry on the work formerly handled by Mr. Law.

Mr. C. D. Shirley, Fruits and Vegetables Inspector formerly in charge of the Houston office, has been granted a month's leave without pay, beginning May 19, because of illness in his family.

Mr. W. C. Hackleman, of the Washington Fruit and Vegetable Inspection office, has been away for a week because of illness.

Supervising Inspector R. C. Butner, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, spent several days in Louisville last week. He assisted in the establishment of the inspection office in that city. From Louisville Mr. Butner visited the Cincinnati office of the Inspection Service, then returned to Louisville for a conference with local potato shippers regarding inspection work.

The Waupaca office of the Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service was closed on May 28. Mr. W. H. Mosier, who has been in charge of the work at Waupaca, has gone to Chicago to handle the work formerly conducted by Mr. Brown, the latter having gone to Los Angeles.

Mr. J. H. Lister, of the Cost of Marketing Division, is investigating the cost of marketing milk at various points in Pennsylvania and New York.



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## 1. CONFERENCE ON WOOL GRADES AND POOLS.

The tentative wool grades formulated by the Bureau of Markets, and the policies of the Bureau and of the American Farm Bureau Federation in regard to the regional and local county wool pools, were discussed at a conference held in Mr. Livingston's office May 28. Mr. Estabrook presided and in addition to several from this bureau, who are interested in wool, Messrs. J. R. Howard, C. H. Gray and C. J. Fawcett, of the American Farm Bureau Federation, were present. The Farm Bureau Federation favors the plan of regional pools at points of large concentration and is not yet convinced of the practical value of the tentative wool grades. The conference resulted in a better understanding of the views of the Farm Bureau Federation and of the Bureau of Markets regarding the points under discussion. The meeting adjourned with the understanding that the Bureau of Markets would arrange for a later conference between representative wool growers, buyers, mills and organizations of farmers at a convenient date in order to promote a better understanding of the work of the bureau with respect to pooling, grading and marketing wool.

## 2. S. S. CRAMP SOON TO BE EQUIPPED FOR EXPERIMENTS.

Apparatus is now being assembled for installation in the S.S. Charles H. Cramp, which is being used by the Project of Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables, in the continuation of studies of the transportation of fruit by water. Mr. L. W. Collins of that project, who has charge of the installation, is now in San Pedro, Calif., at which port the Cramp will arrive in about ten days. Some of the equipment to be used has been provided by manufacturers who are interested in the tests. The holds of the ship will be equipped so that it will be possible to make a thorough study of the factors entering into the transportation of fruits and vegetables. The California Fruit Growers Exchange has agreed to furnish 100 cars of fruit for the next shipment so that the experiment will be conducted throughout on a commercial scale. Mr. V. G. Gibson, who has been working with Mr. R. R. Pailthorp in the Northwest, on heater car and storage investigations will soon join Mr. Collins and will be associated with him in the transportation studies to be undertaken.

Mr. Collins has recently been investigating some new paper boxes designed for the shipment of oranges under conditions of high humidity and without ventilation. The orange containers are tightly sealed. Although this is a radical departure from accepted methods of shipping oranges, interesting results have been obtained. The studies with this form of container are being made with the cooperation of Mr. F. F. Chase, Vice President of the National Orange Association of Riverside, Calif.

### 3. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

The conference report on S. 1084 providing for a national budget system and an independent audit of government accounts has been adopted by both Houses and presented to the President of the United States for signature.

H. R. 6300, the second deficiency bill, which carries an appropriation for printing and binding for the Department of Agriculture and also an item covering the expense of consolidating the addressing and duplicating work of the department, was taken up for consideration in the Senate on June 1.

In connection with the discussion under the deficiency bill, Senator Curtis called attention to the statute which makes it a penal offense for a government official to obligate the government for deficiencies not authorized by Congress.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, providing for a joint commission of agricultural inquiry consisting of 5 Senators and 5 Representatives to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, has been passed by the Senate. This commission is to investigate and report to Congress on the following subjects:

1. The causes of the present condition of agriculture.
2. The cause of the difference between the prices of agricultural products paid to the producer and the ultimate cost to the consumer.
3. The comparative condition of industries other than agriculture.
4. The relation of prices of commodities other than agricultural products to such products.

5. The banking and financial resources and credits of the country, especially as affecting agricultural credits.

6. The marketing and transportation facilities of the country.

Discussion was begun in the House on May 26 on the packer bill, H. R. 6230.

New bills were introduced during the week as follows:

S. 1915, by Mr. Norris, being a bill to provide for the purchase of farm products in the United States, to sell same in foreign countries and for other purposes.

H. R. 6716, by Mr. Zihlman, being a bill to amend the Act establishing standard weights and measures for the District of Columbia.

H. R. 6753, by Mr. Fulmer, to establish and promote the use of the official cotton standards of the United States in interstate and foreign commerce; to prevent deception therein and provide for the proper application of such standards, etc.

Open hearings on H. R. 5676, the bill to regulate future trading in grain, were begun by the Senate Committee on Agriculture May 28 and will be continued until everyone interested has been given an opportunity to testify. A number of representatives of the trade have testified.

#### 4. CONFERENCE ON BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY REQUEST.

A conference of division and section chiefs, called by Mr. Estabrook, was held June 1 to discuss and agree upon a uniform plan of preparing certain reports requested by the Bureau of Efficiency. These reports will include a complete statement of the duties and functions of the Bureau as a whole, a brief history of its establishment and development to the present time, a statement covering the personnel engaged upon field work, the office, storeroom and laboratory quarters in the field, and the equipment used in Washington and in the field, together with a statement for each division, section and project in the Bureau, showing "object," "procedure," "cooperation," "location," and "date begun."

This material must be completed not later than June 20. The information is desired by the Bureau of Efficiency as a part of the survey of the organization of the United States Government requested by the Chairman of the Joint Congressional Commission on Reorganization of Government Departments.



#### 5. ADMINISTRATION OF SEED LOAN FUND COMPLETED.

The work of administering the two million dollar seed loan fund, appropriated for the relief of farmers in the drouth-stricken areas of the Northwest, has been completed and the field office at Fargo, N. D., in charge of Mr. W. W. Warburton, Agronomist of the Bureau of Plant Industry, has been closed. The records of the Seed Loan Committee appointed by the Secretary, of which Mr. Estabrook is Chairman, show that the agricultural bill making this fund available was signed March 3, 1921; a printed copy of the bill not being available to the Department until the following week; that the necessary regulations and blank forms were drafted, procedure outlined, and headquarters established in the field; that within seventeen days after the Seed Loan Committee was appointed the first loan was made, and that up to May 4, when the field work was practically completed, 17,500 applications for loans were received, 14,000 loans were made, amounting to approximately \$1,950,000, and that the total expense involved, aside from State registration fees, will probably not exceed \$10,000. The completion of this important work within less than forty days, with little criticism and much commendation, is very gratifying to all concerned.

#### 6. RICE QUOTATIONS BY GRADE.

For the first time in the history of the southern rice industry quotations are now being given out by the Sugar Exchange of New Orleans on the basis of the rice grades that have been recommended by this Bureau. Heretofore the only quotations of prices made in the South have emanated from the New Orleans Board of Trade and have consisted of meager information as to the range in prices of each variety. For example, the range for a given variety was quoted at "2-1/4 to 5¢" and the grades covered were left to the inference of the reader. It might be supposed that the top figure was for the fancy grade and the lowest price for medium grade but this left the determination of prices on other grades, to the imagination. It is thought by those in touch with the situation that a great step forward has been made in the adoption of the system of quoting the Federal grades, as range of prices given without stating specifically what grades are covered is likely to cause confusion and is of little value.

#### 7. STATE GRADES OF WHEAT DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

A recent decision in the U. S. District Court of Appeals, eighth circuit, declares that the North Dakota law giving State authorities power to fix grain standards is unconstitutional in that it places a burden on interstate commerce and conflicts with the U. S. grain standards Act. Ninety per cent of the wheat grown

in North Dakota finds its way into interstate commerce. State grades would necessitate a dual system of inspection. The ruling of the court also calls attention to the confusion that would result if all states fixed state grades adding that "the inspection and grading of grain in interstate commerce requires a uniform system throughout the United States and that no state has the authority to interfere with the system established by the United States."

8. MEMORIAL TABLET TO BE UNVEILED.

A memorial tablet in memory of the nineteen members of the staff of the Forest Service, who were killed in the war with Germany, will be unveiled June 10 at 11 a.m. in the Auditorium of the New National Museum Building. The ceremony will be attended by the members of the Forest Service staff, invited guests, and ex-service men from each bureau of the department who will appear in uniform. Those who will represent the Bureau of Markets are: Messrs. H. E. Burton, Carl Nagel, Lester Eliff, Grover Gilbert, B. Z. Kile, D. I. McGeehee, T. A. Sommers, Walter Marshall and Thos. Marshall.

9. A CORRECTION.

Item II in Number 21 of the Bureau News (May 24) entitled "Use of Ditto Marks on Field Payrolls" conveyed the wrong impression owing to inaccuracies in the illustration used. After indicating the use of ditto marks in the column "Address to which check is to be mailed" and showing that ditto marks should be used for all names having the same address, the illustration of entries to be made in the column "Period of Service" should have read as follows:

From	To	No. of Days
1	31	31

Particular attention is called to the fact that neither the year nor the month need be stated under the headings "To" and "From" and that ditto marks should be used in these columns for all of the succeeding names of persons who have rendered the same period of service.

10. "USDA" CLUB IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

A departmental club was formed May 16 in Oklahoma City by representatives of the various bureaus of the Department of Agriculture which have branches at that point. The organization was effected at a luncheon held at the Chamber of Commerce. The club will be known as the Oklahoma USDA club and will meet on the last Saturday

of each month at a luncheon. Officers of the newly formed club were elected as follows: Mr. J. P. Slaughter of the Weather Bureau, President; Mr. L. J. Allen, Animal Industry, Vice President; Miss Miriam Mathews, Bureau of Markets, Secretary. An Executive Committee of three was also appointed as follows: Mr. Geo. F. Binderim, Bureau of Markets, Chairman; Mr. H. H. Shutz, Crop Estimates, and Mr. J. S. Greaves, Animal Industry.

#### 11. MEETING OF THE "AMUSDA" CLUB.

A departmental club luncheon was held Saturday May 23th, at the Peacock Cafe, Atlanta, Ga. The following were present: Mr. John S. Dennee, and Mr. J. S. Watson, Jr., Bureau of Crop Estimates; Dr. William M. McKellar, Bureau of Animal Industry; Mr. C. F. Von-Hermann, Weather Bureau; Mr. W. A. Crossland, Bureau of Public Roads; Mr. H. L. Brown, States Relations Service; and the following from Bureau of Markets: Messrs. Curry, Cain, Oastler, Crout, Cunningham, Miller and Parker. The constitution was read, discussed, and adopted. The next meeting will be held Saturday, June 25, at which time officers will be elected for the fiscal year. Beginning with the next fiscal year a charge of 25¢ a month will be made to entertain visitors and for other purposes. It is expected that the club will have about 25 to 30 members.

#### 12. COLD STORAGE OF FOOD PRODUCTS.

Many different food products are stored in cold storage in the South to arrest the development of weevil and other destructive insects and also to prevent fermentation. The temperatures used in the storage of rice and other cereals are similar to those used in the storage of furs. In both cases the insect deposits eggs and the larvae hatch, causing damage. The temperatures used are not low enough to destroy the eggs but they stop the activities of the larvae. Some of the products kept in cold storage in this way are barley, buckwheat, dried peas and beans, a large variety of seeds, breakfast cereals, macaroni, spaghetti, cornmeal, corn grits, peanuts, shelled nut meats and flours made from whole wheat, barley and buckwheat. These flours as well as numerous varieties of dried fruits are stored under controlled temperatures to arrest fermentation as well as to control insect pests.

#### 13. STATE GRADES DISCUSSED IN MINNESOTA.

A meeting of the joint appeal boards of Minneapolis and Duluth, some of the members of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, and the committee on contract grades, to discuss the matter of dual inspection as it might affect delivery of grain on contract grades, was held in Minneapolis May 20. No definite steps were



determined upon but it is thought that officials of the Minnesota Inspection Department including the members of the appeal boards, are not desirous of putting in a different system of grades for spring wheat.

14. INSPECTION FEES NOT TO BE RAISED IN OREGON.

Although requested by the Washington (State) Inspection Department to raise the fees charged for inspecting grain, the Oregon Public Service Commission has refused to do so and as a result the inspection charges in these two states will probably no longer be uniform. Owing to lack of funds it is thought that the Washington Inspection Department will be compelled to raise the fee for inspections. The Oregon Public Service Commission has decided not to take this step because of "the sufficiency of funds derived from the grain inspection department under present fees" and that "there is no justification under our law for further increase in such fees. Furthermore the financial condition of grain growers generally at this time would cause this commission to hesitate to increase grain inspection fees in this State should the law permit."

15. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN MAY.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during May:

Collier, G. A. and McClure, H. B.: Marketing  
Hay Through Terminal Markets.

Collier, G. A. and McClure, H. B.: Weighing of  
Market Hay.

McClure, H. B. and Collier, G. A.: Inspection and  
Grading of Hay.

McClure, H. B. and Collier, G. A.: Marketing  
Hay at Country Points.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Sherman, Caroline B. Effect of Holidays on Demand.  
For Farm Bureau and County Agent Magazine.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Marketing Georgia Watermelons.  
For Southern Cultivator.

Sherman, Caroline B.: Marketing the Mississippi  
Tomato Crop. For Modern Farming.

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16. SPECIAL WEEKLY REPORTS ON IMPORTS OF WOOL at the ports of New York and Boston are now being furnished the bureau, through the co-operation of the New York office of the Grain Division and the Boston office of the Live Stock, Meats and Wool Division. These reports are based on the so-called "applications for entry" that have been filed with the Customs House and not the actual arrivals as shown by the manifests. It is hoped that arrangements for similar reports on other commodities will be made later.

17. A LAW ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR BOXES AND HALF BOXES for farm produce to be sold at wholesale, became effective in Massachusetts, March 1. The law provides that the standard box shall contain 2150.42 cubic inches and the standard half box 1075.21 cubic inches. The law also provides that the boxes shall be plainly marked, to show whether they are "boxes" or "half boxes."

18. PROFESSOR MARSHALL OF THE COLORADO STATE AGRICULTURAL college recently brought a class in grain grading to the Denver office of the Bureau of Markets to study methods of procedure. They saw the methods of sampling cars at the railroad yards and later studied the determination of grading factors and dockage in the laboratory.

19. AN APPLE GRADING, PACKING AND BRANDING LAW effective September, 1921, was recently passed in Illinois. Five grades are defined. The name and address of the packer, the true name of the variety, grade, and the minimum size or the numerical count of the apples must appear on the package.

20. FOUR EGGS CIRCLES HAVE BEEN FORMED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE as a result of the activities of the marketing men of that state, assisted by Mr. Theo Wade, Investigator in Cooperative Organization for the Federal Bureau of Markets.

21. "UNCLE SAM IN THE BIG ONION PATCH" is the title of an article appearing in the May number of the Mexican-American Gateway, written by Mr. R. H. Shoemaker and Mr. Paul M. Williams both of the Fruit and Vegetable Division of this bureau.

22. ONE HUNDRED MODELS OF WOOL TYING BOXES have been sent to County Agents and teachers in Missouri by the State Marketing Bureau at Jefferson City.

23. THE OMAHA MARKET NEWS WORK ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES will be discontinued June 30, because of the necessity for further retrenchment in order to stay within the appropriations for the fiscal year.

1922. This will not effect the inspection service in Omaha as Mr. V. V. Westgate will remain there as Inspector.

24. THE MARKET NEWS FIELD STATION AT CHARLESTON, S. C., was closed May 31 and Mr. W. D. Callanan who was in charge there has gone to Ft. Valley, Ga., where he will operate the service on peaches until the middle of July.

25. THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE HAS PASSED an agricultural statistics law which provides for the collection of annual crop acreage and live stock figures.

#### PERSONALS.

Mr. Livingston has returned from a short western trip in the course of which he attended meetings of the Committee of Fifteen in Chicago and afterwards spent a few days in Michigan.

Mr. H. K. Holman, Jr., of the Warehouse Division has recently returned from an extensive trip through the northwestern and far western sections of the country in the interests of the warehousing of wool and grain.

Mr. A. V. Swarthout of the Cost of Marketing Division recently spent some time in Philadelphia on business.

Mr. W. C. Ten Eyck of the Telegraphic Section, has returned to Washington after a trip through the Middle West in the course of which he visited the radio stations from which market reports are now being sent.

Miss Dena Hammer who was injured in an elevator accident in the Bieber Building, has left the hospital and returned to her boarding house. She is no longer confined to her bed and hopes to return to work before long.

Mr. Z. B. Wallin, Extension Agent in Marketing in Ohio, spent last week in Washington conferring with officials of this Bureau on marketing problems of Ohio.

At the request of the Loudoun County Farm Bureau, Mr. T. A. Sommers of the Grain Division, visited Leesburg and other points in Loudoun County, to investigate complaints about prices and grading of garlicky wheat.

Mr. E. J. Murphy, Assistant in Grain Supervision, left Washington June 1 to confer with supervisors in the larger markets on various matters connected with the administration of the grain standards Act.



Mr. G. W. Morrison, Assistant in Federal Grain Supervision, returned to Washington May 28 after a visit to the offices of Federal Grain Supervision at Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha.

The appointment of Mr. Joseph Passonneau, who has been serving in this bureau since January 2, 1919, as Agent, with headquarters at Pullman, Wash. has been terminated with the discontinuance of the cooperative work in the State of Washington.

Mr. Andrew Bramlett has been appointed Agent with headquarters at St. Matthews, S. C. He will be engaged in classing cotton for demonstrational purposes, and in disseminating through extension or other methods information relative to the use of the United States cotton standards and the grades and staple of cotton. He received a B. S. degree from the Citadel University, Charleston, S. C. and attended the University of Chicago during two summers. For nine years he was Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Clemson College; from 1919-20, he was Assistant Commandant of that college; and during three months in 1920 he was employed as Sales Manager of the Calhoun Marketing Association.

Mr. G. S. Meloy of the Cotton Division left Saturday June 4 for a trip through the South in connection with the cooperative marketing of cotton. Mr. Meloy will be gone for about two weeks and his trip will include points in Texas and Oklahoma.

Mr. R. C. Potts of the Dairy Division, left Washington Saturday, June 4, for a trip to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Madison, Wisc., and Chicago to confer with officers of dairy produce-marketing methods.

Mr. W. G. Blair of the Cotton Division who is carrying on cooperative spinning tests at Raleigh, N. C., recently spent some time in Washington in connection with that work.

Mr. R. L. Kause of the Washington office of the Cotton Division is now in Atlanta for the purpose of inspecting cotton standards and is making his headquarters in the office of Mr. B. R. Castler in charge of the Atlanta office of that division.

Mr. F. G. Crout, in charge of the Atlanta office of the Warehouse Division recently made a trip to Memphis, Tenn. in connection with the inspection of cotton warehouses for issuance of license under the U. S. warehouse Act. From Atlanta Mr. Crout went to Columbia, S. C., for a conference with Mr. J. P. Brown of the Raleigh office on canvassing South Carolina points for warehouses to be licensed under the U. S. warehouse Act.

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## 1. AIR MAIL RADIO TO BE EXTENDED.

It is probable that the Air Mail Radio News Service will be extended by the addition of stations in Cincinnati, North Platte, Nebr., Rock Springs, Wyo., Elko, Nev., some time during the latter part of this month. This will make a total of eight stations from which radio news service will be sent out and in addition successful results are being obtained with the radio telephone service at East Pittsburgh. At present this service is almost entirely devoted to live stock but it is expected that the grain market service will be developed in the near future. Market news on both live stock and grain is in great demand all over the country and these special commodities are particularly adapted to this system of broadcasting news. Increasing the number of radio stations to eight will make the news service available to the people in fully one-half of the territory of the United States.

In connection with the possibilities of extension of the radio service Mr. W. A. Wheeler of the Division of Market Information, gave a talk to a group of leaders of Boys' and Girls Clubs from several states June 8, in the Conference Room. The possibilities of forming rural radio clubs to receive weather, market and crop reports were discussed at the meeting. The club leaders were in Washington to attend a conference being held under the auspices of the States Relations Service.

## 2. BUREAU OFFICIALS TESTIFY AT HEARINGS.

Hearings on the grain futures bill, known as the Capper Tincher bill, closed June 10. Secretary Wallace appeared before the committee June 9 to explain his understanding of certain provisions of the bill. One change he favored was placing the authority for the enforcement of the act in a commission composed of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce and the Attorney General instead of having it vested in the Secretary of Agriculture alone. The Secretary also approved the provision of the bill that cooperative associations shall not be denied memberships in grain exchanges because they distribute profits among their members.

At the first hearing, which was held May 27, Mr. Morrill, Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Markets occupied all of the time in testifying regarding the legal phases of the bill. On June 4 and again on June 8 Mr. Rollin E. Smith of the Foreign Markets Division testified at length explaining technical features of the activities of the grain exchanges, especially hedging and speculative transactions. It is expected that the bill will be reported out soon after the close of the hearings.

### 3. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, providing for a joint commission of agricultural inquiry was adopted by the House.

H. R. 6320, a bill to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in live stock, a live-stock products, dairy products, poultry products and eggs, was reported to the Senate from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. R. 6300, the second deficiency bill, has been passed by the Senate and has gone to conference.

### 4. MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS.

The Department committee on economics of the agricultural situation, in which the Bureau of Markets is represented by Mr. Estabrook, met on Thursday of last week with Dr. R. T. Ely, Economist of the University of Wisconsin. Price indexes and other factors of the present situation were considered. In an informal discussion it appeared to be the consensus of opinion that there could be no return to a normal relation between farm prices and the prices of other commodities until there is a substantial decline in industrial wages somewhat in proportion to the decline in food prices.

### 5. GARLICKY WHEAT IN MARYLAND.

Maryland loses upwards of \$2,000,000 each year on its grain crop because practically seven-eighths of all the wheat grown in the State is tainted with garlic and comes under the "garlicky" classification. Under existing conditions and Government regulations, this wheat is undesirable for shipment abroad, unless individual shippers first put their grain through a special drying process to reduce the moisture content. Even then, the European market has come to look with suspicion on "garlicky" wheat because of the unfortunate experience of some English buyers with last July shipments which arrived in England in a badly damaged condition due to heat in transit.



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The normal high moisture content of the grain and time consumed in transportation were the primary causes of the damage but the blame was placed on garlic and "garlicky" wheat came into bad repute with English buyers. Inasmuch as with the exception of England, the European countries which normally consume the supply of garlicky wheat were not in the market owing to deranged economic conditions, England was left practically alone as a possible market for "garlicky" wheat and the demand dwindled and the price fell.

An effort is being made by the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce to induce the Department of Agriculture to change the established differential, which now gives "garlicky" wheat a moisture content of 14 per cent, to a moisture content of 13.5 per cent, which will make the grain safe for export shipment. (Grain Project Letter, June 3)

6. OMAHA ASKS CONGRESS TO TAKE A CENSUS AT ONCE.

The bureau is in receipt of a copy of resolutions adopted by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce petitioning Congress "to proceed at once to take a special census of agriculture, including livestock industry on farms and ranches; that the said special census shall have particular reference to collecting data as to the ownership of land; tenantry, and mortgage and other indebtedness of farms; and that persons living in towns and villages may not be enumerated as rural population except when actually engaged in agricultural occupations."

The Chamber of Commerce desires that the results of this special census be published not later than Jan. 1, 1922. Apparently the authors of the resolutions were not aware that in the past it has taken from one to three years to publish the results of an agricultural census and that the expense involved is approximately ten million dollars.

7. DEAN HUNT VISITS BUREAU.

Dean Thomas F. Hunt of the Agricultural College of California, who represented the United States as permanent delegate to the international Institute of Agriculture at Rome from last October until May of this year stopped at the Department of Agriculture on June 10, en route to California.

8. POSTAGE STAMPS FOR FOREIGN LETTERS.

Postage stamps required on official letters addressed to foreign countries are affixed in the office of the Chief Clerk of the Department. Occasionally bulletins and other printed matter are enclosed in the same envelope as the letter, thus making it necessary for both the letter and the printed matter to be sent as letter mail. This increases the cost of postage. Care, therefore, should be taken to see that bulletins and other printed matter are mailed under separate cover thus entitling such printed matter to a lower rate of postage than first-class letter mail.

9. RADIO NEWS IN NEBRASKA.

Three counties in Nebraska have organized and are receiving radio information with much satisfaction to both the trade and the producers. The radio station at the State University at Lincoln, is receiving the radio reports daily and supplying them to the State Bureau of Markets which releases the information through the local papers. Mr. W. C. Anderson, Chief of the Nebraska State Bureau of Markets, recently visited the Omaha office of this bureau, to make inquiry about the Market News Service. He stated that there was a growing demand for the radio news and that the State Department was contemplating the organization of the State into three districts in order to facilitate the distribution of the information given out by the Federal Bureau.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR WELFARE ASSOCIATION TOTAL \$3,039.65.

Three thousand dollars was the goal set for the 1921 subscriptions to the Department of Agriculture Welfare Association and this has been achieved, according to a final report recently issued. This sum provides an ample working balance for use during 1921 and will also permit the association to increase its invested capital. The largest subscription was made by the Bureau of Soils and the second largest by the States Relations Service. The contribution of the Bureau of Markets was \$337.75, which was the third largest bureau contribution.

11. REPORTS FROM THE REVIEWING SECTION.

The Reviewing Section prepares weekly a report showing the number of letters dictated by each dictator to stenographers in the pool and to divisional stenographers, and those returned by the revising section for correction to the dictator and to the stenographer. The report for the week ending May 28 is believed by the reviewing clerks to be typical in almost every item of pre-

vailing conditions, presenting characteristic totals for each item. It is believed that some of these figures might be of interest. The following table shows the total number of letters dictated to pool stenographers and to divisional stenographers by the various projects or divisions:

<u>NAME OF PROJECT</u>	<u>POOL STENOGRAPHERS</u>	<u>DIVISIONAL STENOGRAPHERS</u>
Administrative	66	66
Market Information	35	15
Marketing Statistics	45	3
Cost of Marketing	8	0
Fruits & Vegetables	130	138
Live Stock & Meats	19	55
Transportation	344	12
Cold Storage	1	0
Preservation of Fruits & Vegetables	12	21
Cotton Division	78	37
Federal Grain Supervision	8	50
Grain Investigations	0	2
Division of Hay, Feed & Seed	43	6
Division of Cooperative Relations	23	28
Cooperative Purchasing & Marketing	1	7
Foreign Marketing	7	51
Warehouse Investigations	99	26
Marketing Dairy Products	96	0
Wool Investigations	11	25
Letters written without dictation	54	438
TOTALS . . . . .	1080	980
GROSS TOTAL	2060	

Eleven letters were written on prepared forms, 353 were prepared in offices for which the stenographic rule is waived, and 11 had no initials to indicate dictator or stenographer. The gross total written was 2435.

## 12. ADVANCES OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVELING EXPENSES.

The Bureau News of April 12, 1921, (Vol. 4, No. 15, Par. 9) contains information as to the methods to be observed in obtaining and accounting for advances of funds for official traveling expenses. This bureau is now in receipt of a communication from the Disbursing Clerk of the department which reads in part as follows:



"An employee in a travel status on June 30, will not be required to remit the unexpended balance of funds advanced him during the preceding fiscal year, but may use such balance for any subsequent travel that shall be authorized during the succeeding fiscal year, following the same procedure as is outlined in paragraph 6 of Memorandum 334. However, on or before July 1 of each year this office (Disbursing Office) should be furnished with copies of letters of authorization for the continuation of travel in the ensuing fiscal year issued to employees who may be in possession of balances of advances made during the preceding fiscal year."

The above-mentioned paragraph of the Bureau News is modified to this extent.

### 13. IN THE LIBRARY.

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library during the past week are the following:

The Cotton Year Book 1921.	1921.
Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter. Yearbook, 1920.	1921.
Powell, T. C., Scientific Marketing - -	1917.
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, List of Workers - - -	1921.
Warburg, J. P., Cotton and Cotton Manufacture -	1921

La Industria Lechera, the leading dairy periodical of Argentina, has been obtained for the Bureau Library. The file begins with Vol. 1, No. 1, August, 1919.

### EFFICIENCY.

### 14. CASH DISCOUNTS.

The slogan throughout the country is efficiency, economy and business-like methods in Governmental service.

The Bureau of Markets is a business organization, and in addition to its scientific work is teaching the people how to con-

duct affairs pertaining to agriculture in a business-like manner.

However, many vouchers are received in Washington so late that discounts offered for prompt payment cannot be taken. A business house which did not take advantage of cash discounts, especially where the discounts are as high as 5 or sometimes even 10%, would lose whatever financial standing it has, or would be looked upon as being badly managed. These remarks in so far as they relate to management apply to the government. Parties doing business with the government must certainly have a poor opinion of its agents or methods when offers of this character are disregarded. It causes criticism and may bring about remarks as to the waste of the "people's money."

It is true, indeed, that advances of public money for payment in advance of actual services rendered are prohibited by law and for this reason the Disbursing Clerk of the department cannot make a payment prior to actual performance. This prevents taking advantage of discounts offered by public utility corporations for advance payments, unless officials in charge of field stations pay the charges and look to the bureau for reimbursement in their station accounts, or, unless the attention of the corporations is called to the statutes, and special arrangements are made with them to allow the discount regardless of the time of payment. It is believed that some of the corporations would do this as local ordinances and regulations of public utility commission are not binding upon the United States Government.

There is no so-called "red tape" to prevent the taking of most of the other cash discounts offered. Offers are usually contingent upon payment by the 10th ultimo, and if employees who have to do with the handling of claims will call attention to vouchers of this kind and make them special, Washington will do the rest. It may be that a particular item of discount is small, but the aggregate for the bureau is large, and for the government is immense. Let the Bureau of Markets do its share in saving this absolutely unnecessary expenditure.

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15. THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE recently provided for an investigation of the bushel weights of fruits, vegetables and other commodities. A joint committee consisting of the Commissioner of Labor and Industries, the Director of Standards, the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Director of the Division of Markets was appointed to prepare recommendations for the establishment of a more satisfactory basis for the retail sale of fruits and vegetables.

16. A MARKETING REPORT AND CROP FORECAST ON CANTALOUPE has been issued jointly by Mr. Turner Wright, Agent in Marketing in Arkansas, and Mr. C. S. Bouton, the State Statistician. A table is given showing the shipping point, acreage, variety, the number of cars expected and the probable date on which shipments will begin. A summarized statement of the carlot distribution of Arkansas cantaloupes during the 1920 season is also included in the report.
17. LINTERS is the subject of Department Circular 175 recently off the press. In it Mr. A. M. Agelasto discusses such phases as - how linters are obtained, production, handling, sampling, selling and uses. Since the demand for linters in the manufacture of explosives has decreased it is important that new uses for the product be developed.
18. A PLAN BY WHICH THE OFFICES OF FEDERAL GRAIN SUPERVISION in Washington and Oregon may entertain appeals from inspection performed by licensed inspectors on intrastate transactions, has been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. This action was made possible by recent legislative enactment in these two states.
19. A DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN CREATED IN OHIO which will take over the work of the Board of Agriculture, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Agricultural Advisory Board. The office of Chief of the Bureau of Markets and Marketing has been abolished and the work formerly conducted by this official has been transferred to the new Department of Agriculture.
20. A MANUAL OF OFFICIAL GRADES FOR IDAHO FARM PRODUCTS in 1921 has been issued by the Department of Agriculture of that State. These grades which become effective July 3, 1921 are for cherries, peaches, Italian prunes, apples, potatoes, hay, alfalfa meal, alfalfa seed, wheat and clover seed.
21. NO NEWS SERVICE ON POTATOES will be operated at Elizabeth City, N. C. The limited funds remaining for the fiscal year have made this change necessary. The Monett, Mo., office of the Market News Service was closed June 2 and Mr. Lee R. Miller, who was in charge, has gone to Jacksonville, Tex., to operate the field service on tomatoes in that section.
22. THE NYUSDA CLUB WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL OCTOBER, when the members will get together on the first Wednesday of the month. The last meeting of the club was held June 1 and at that time it was decided that the meetings and luncheons of the club should be suspended during the summer.



23. ADVERTISING MAINE PRODUCTS, standardizing important agricultural commodities and the improvement of marketing procedure have been recommended by the marketing committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Maine Federation of Agricultural Associations.

24. MARKET NEWS REPORTING STATIONS will probably be opened at the following points on the dates indicated; Hempstead, Tex., July 5; watermelons, Phoenix, Ariz., cantaloupes, July 5; Sulphur Springs, Tex., watermelons, July 11.

25. THE MISSOURI STATE MARKETING BUREAU at Jefferson City, Mo., is arranging to furnish wool graders free of charge to the local and regional wool pools in that State.

26. SECRETARY WALLACE VISITED NEW YORK JUNE 7 and was entertained at a luncheon given by the NYUSDA Club. He later visited the offices of the Bureau of Markets.

27. SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAYS will begin June 18 and will continue until September 10. The Washington offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday during that period.

28. BRANCH OFFICE DIRECTORY.

Dallas, Tex. Change address of Cotton Division Branch Office to 1807-1/2 Commerce Street. Add Warehouse Section at the same address.

Louisville, Ky. Telephone number of Inspection office is Main 2159.

#### PERSONALS.

Mr. W. A. Wheeler of the Division of Market Information will go to New York the latter part of this week to attend a meeting of the manufacturers of radio equipment called by the Bureau of Standards. Mr. Wheeler will discuss the requirements of those desiring to make use of the radio market news service in order that manufacturers may develop and offer equipment suitable to meet such requirements. The Bureau of Standards is making extensive tests of radio receiving apparatus for the Bureau of Markets so that this information may be available to county agents, shipping associations and others who wish to install equipment best suited to receive the radio market reports.

Mr. H. W. Samson returned June 9 from a six weeks' trip in the interest of the work of the Grades and Standards Section. He conferred with State officials in Texas, California, Oregon, Washington

and Idaho for the purpose of correlating the standardization work of those states with that being done by the Bureau of Markets.

Mr. G. T. Willingmyre of the Wool Marketing Section left Saturday, June 4, for a trip to Hettinger, N. D.; Portland, Ore.; San Francisco, Calif.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Denver, Colo.; and Chicago. He will attend the annual meeting of the North and South Dakota Wool and Warehouse Association at Hettinger June 7. During this trip Mr. Willingmyre will assist Field Agents in Marketing and confer with wool growers, dealers and manufacturers regarding the practicability of using the tentative wool grades devised by this bureau.

Mr. Jay W. Raplee has been appointed Food Products Inspector effective July 1. He will report to the Chicago office of the Inspection Service and will take the usual course of training. Mr. Raplee has recently taken a Master's degree at Cornell University and has had a good deal of practical experience in the handling and cultivation of fruits. He has also taught school for several years and has been employed in the U. S. Weather Bureau since January, 1910. At the present time he is in the Forecast Division.

Mr. C. A. Russell, supervisor of the Ohio Valley Division of the Grain Division, Mr. H. A. Rhoades of Indianapolis, Mr. E. F. Prue of Toledo, Mr. J. E. Elstner of Peoria and W. L. Ingles of Cincinnati held a conference in Chicago last week and discussed supervision questions.

Mr. F. G. Smith and Mr. A. W. Herger of the Grain Division held a hearing in New Orleans June 2. Mrs. Irma Jewell, the official reporter, reported the hearing. Mr. Smith stopped at St. Louis enroute and Mr. Herger visited Nashville and St. Louis on his return trip. Mr. Herger also held a hearing at St. Louis June 6, on an alleged violation of the grain standards Act by the Smith Vincent Company.

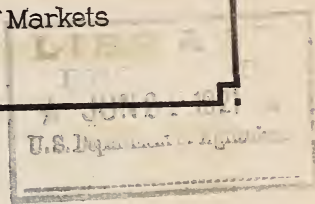
Mr. W. M. King of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, with headquarters at Washington, called recently at the Minneapolis Supervision Office. Mr. King will travel through the central and northern parts of Minnesota during his trip.

Mr. V. P. Fawcett of the Pacific Coast Headquarters of the Grain Division, recently made a trip to Seattle and Tacoma in the interests of the work pertaining to inspection efficiency.

Mr. A. F. Nelson and Mr. B. W. Whitlock, of the Pacific Coast Headquarters of the Grain Division, recently made a trip to Astoria to study import conditions.

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## 1. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

H. R. 1084, a bill to provide a national budget system and an independent audit of government accounts, has been signed by the President.

The conference report on H. R. 6300, the second deficiency bill, has been adopted by both Houses and sent to the President of the United States for signature.

Members of the joint congressional committee to investigate agricultural conditions have been appointed as follows:

For the Senate: - Mr. Lenroot, Mr. Capper, Mr. McNary, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Harrison.

For the House: - Mr. Anderson, Mr. Mills, Mr. Funk, Mr. Sumners of Texas, and Mr. Ten Eyck.

Discussion was begun in the Senate on June 9 on the packer bill, H. R. 6320.

New bills were introduced during the week as follows:

H. R. 7103, by Mr. Vestal, to establish the standard of weights and measures for the following wheat-mill and corn-mill products; namely, flours, hominy, grits, and meals, and all commercial feeding stuffs, etc.

H. R. 7102, by Mr. Vestal, to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, and for other purposes.

H. R. 7112, by Mr. Haugen, to prevent hoarding and deterioration of, and deception with respect to cold-storage foods; to regulate shipments of cold-storage foods in interstate and foreign commerce; and for other purposes.



## 2. WAREHOUSING GRAIN.

Mr. Livingston represented the Bureau of Markets at the warehouse conference held June 13, by Secretary Wallace and Secretary Hoover, for the purpose of discussing plans for warehousing and financing grain. The basis of the proposed plan is the provision of a method by which the farmer can be given unlimited storage facilities for grain and can receive therefor a warehouse certificate in such form and under such conditions that it will pass as an order for the delivery of the grain. It was pointed out that many of the elevators in small towns might not be regarded as sufficiently safe by insurance companies or by those called upon to guarantee the payment of negotiable certificates. This feature will be worked out by the committee representing all of the interests included in the conference. This committee was appointed at the meeting and went into immediate session. Questionnaires intended to obtain detailed information as to the prospects of obtaining insurance, and other information connected with the plan will be sent out in the near future.

## 3. U. S. POTATO GRADES ADOPTED IN CALIFORNIA.

A meeting of the potato growers of eight counties of Southern California was held in the San Fernando Valley at Van Nuys on June 7 under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau. Mr. Hartley E. Truax of the Los Angeles office has reported that, at this meeting, the growers and shippers unanimously adopted the U. S. potato grades as their standard for grading and marketing during the coming season. It is believed that about 20,000 acres were represented, and that a large percentage of the potatoes will be properly graded for the first time. Mr. C. L. Brown accompanied Mr. Truax to the meeting in order to familiarize himself with the potato growing territory surrounding Los Angeles.

## 4. THE MARKET REPORTER.

The mailing list of The Market Reporter is being circularized and will be revised and turned over to the office of the Superintendent of Documents from which it will be mailed beginning with the Aug. 6 issue. A ruling has been made that in the future all persons who wish to be placed on the mailing list shall give at least in a general way the business or occupations in which they are engaged. Members of the bureau staff are asked to see that such information is furnished for all names sent to the Division of Market Information for listing. For this purpose, occupations have been classified as follows: farmer or producer, retail dealer, wholesale dealer, broker or commission man, manufacturer, commercial exchange, agricultural institution worker or publication. All offices sending out circulars or in any way "advertising" The Market Reporter as being available should

make it clear that such information is necessary before a name can be placed on the regular mailing list.

In order that a check may be kept on the mailing of The Market Reporter after Aug. 6 it is requested that all branch offices of the bureau return to the Division of Market Information the wrappers in which the periodical is received with the date of receipt indicated.

5. CUCUMBER GRADES STUDIED AT WAUCHULA.

The tentative grades for cucumbers which have been prepared by the bureau were tested at Wauchula, Fla., during the month of April in order to determine their value under actual marketing conditions. Mr. Robert Bier of the Grades and Standards Section was in charge of the experimental shipping point inspection work. The Wauchula Truck Growers' Association had built a central packing shed in which grading machines were installed to handle the product of the Association members. Of the 48 cars loaded by the Association all were well within the grade requirements. Most of these cars contained both No. 1's and No. 2's. The average price received for a hamper of No. 1 cucumbers packed by the association was \$2.42; for No. 2's, \$1.85; and \$.92 for No. 3's. "Farm" pack cucumbers were graded only No. 1 and No. 2 and sold for \$2.25 and \$1.25 respectively.

The yield per acre of cucumbers was established at about 200 to 350 hampers with an average of around 260. The estimated return per acre was \$471.55 for stock packed under the U. S. grades, No. 1's, of which there were relatively the smallest number selling for a total of \$157.30, the No. 2's bringing \$286.25 and No. 3's \$46. The return for "farm" pack, figuring on the same basis was \$268.68, per acre. The No. 1's brought \$173.00 and the No. 2's \$95.68. The U. S. No. 3's were packed in the second grade by these growers. In fact the Association members using the grades got more for the No. 2's than was obtained for the No. 1's "farm" pack. The actual cost of producing and placing the hamper on the car was about 85 to 90 cents. This test of the proposed grades indicated clearly the advantages of careful grading and standardization. Not only were the net returns substantially increased but the demand for the product was stimulated, a matter of especial importance just at this time.

6. ARTICLES FOR OUTSIDE PUBLICATION.

Articles for outside publication may still be sent to the periodicals by the authors as heretofore after being approved in the Office of the Secretary, but in future the signed letters transmitting them to the periodicals, with the articles and all other enclosures complete, must be sent to the Division of Market Information (for initial by Miss Sherman) before being visseed and mailed.



## 7. EXPLANATIONS RELATIVE TO VOUCHERS.

Statements containing explanations of items in claims are permanently attached to the vouchers and are forwarded to the Treasury Department for the information of the Auditor for State and other departments in auditing the accounts of the Disbursing Clerk of the Department. For this reason and to obviate delays in payment of claims, the following rules should be observed:

1. The statement should be over the autograph signature of the party having first hand knowledge of the facts. An explanation made by one party for another will not be accepted as evidence by the accounting officers of the Treasury.

2. The statement should contain only pertinent facts. It should be brief, but complete and preferably impersonal. All irrelevant or extraneous matter should be omitted, such as reference to other correspondence and remarks about other affairs.

3. An exigency statement should always show the particular facts in the case. A mere statement that an exigency existed will not answer the purpose. This is a requirement of the accounting officers of the Treasury who are the final judges as to whether the facts actually establish an exigency. Other statements, showing why competition is not obtained where the amount is over \$50.00 or why contract articles are not used, must be reasonable. A mere preference for a particular make of an article is not an excuse. In this connection see paragraph 41 of the fiscal regulations.

## 8. ITINERARY REPORTS.

Itinerary reports must bear the autograph signatures of the persons submitting them. These reports are permanent records of the bureau and should be in proper form. Heretofore, in order to obviate delays in reimbursing employees for personal funds expended in travel, this requirement has not been strictly enforced. Hereafter no travel account will be passed for payment until a properly accomplished itinerary report has been furnished in connection therewith.

## 9. HEARINGS ON COLD STORAGE.

General hearings on cold storage were held by the House Committee of Agriculture June 14 to 16 inclusive and members of the trade were given the opportunity of testifying. Further hearings will be held in about a week at which time members of the American Farm Bureau Federation will probably testify. These hearings are in a general way preliminary to the discussion of the cold storage problems in connection with several bills that have been introduced in the House.



10. IN THE LIBRARY.

The following additions have been made to the Bureau Library; Preliminary statements from the 1920 Census of Manufacturers on the Slaughtering and Meat Packing Industry have been received from the Census Bureau.

"The Wool-Growing Industry", a letter to the Senate Committee on Finance which contains a "Summary of and a chapter on The Cost of Production" as taken from the Report of the U. S. Tariff Commission on the Wool-Growing Industry.

"Supplemental information concerning the Wheat and Flour Trade of the U. S." is the title of a pamphlet recently issued by the Tariff Commission, and now on file.

The Library has obtained from the Ways and Means Committee of the House, a report, "Wages in the United States and Foreign Countries." It presents in compact form the wage rates of the U. S. for convenient comparison with wages for the same or similar occupations in various industries of the principal countries of the world. Wages for farming and fruit growing are given among many others.

"The Proposed Revision of the Customs Administrative Laws" is on file.

The "Japanese Cotton Industry and Trade," published by the U. S. Tariff Commission is in the Bureau Library. It has special reference to comparative costs and competition between Japan and the United States.

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11. THE MARKETING OF SYRUP IN MISSISSIPPI is receiving the attention of Mr. T. M. Patterson, the Agent in Marketing of the Agricultural College, and Mr. J. E. Ruff, the District Agent. A special meeting will be held June 15 at Hattiesburg, to discuss the problems of marketing syrup. Production of a more uniform grade and the expansion of the syrup market are topics that will be given consideration. It is expected that a standard container for syrup, to be used in the State, will be adopted at the meeting.

12. A GRAIN GRADING SCHOOL for the benefit of grain growers, dealers, and inspectors was held at the Oregon Agricultural College during the last five days of Farmers' Week, June 13 to 18. The course was so designed as to enable these classes of persons to take samples and determine the grade and properties of the lots represented according to the laws and standards of the Federal Government and the State of Oregon.

13. THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE IN WASHINGTON AND IDAHO are arranging with this Bureau for assistance in shipping point inspection services. The coordination of state inspection with the Federal food products inspection services in central markets will be undertaken. Mr. F. S. Kinsey, who has been Food Products Inspector at Pittsburgh, left June 14 for Boise, Idaho, where he will represent the Bureau as Supervising Inspector.

14. A BULLETIN ENTITLED "COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION" has recently been issued by the Bureau of Markets and Marketing at Lincoln, Nebr. The facts contained in it are based upon 485 replies to a questionnaire sent out to the managers of the 740 cooperative associations of that State.

15. THE STAFF OF THE BUREAU OF CROP ESTIMATES will hold a "Swansong" basket dinner from 4:30 to 8:30 p. m. June 30. It will be held on the Department Grounds and committees have been appointed on entertainment and music, so that it promises to be an enjoyable affair.

16. A COURSE IN COTTON CLASSING AND GRADING will be given during the summer session of the College of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. It will consist of lectures, reference study and practice in classing and stapling.

17. A DAILY MARKET REPORT FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES is now being issued by the New York City office of the State Division of Foods and Markets. The prices quoted represent sales made by farmers at the public markets to merchants and original receivers up to eight o'clock.

18. A SHORT COURSE FOR ELEVATOR MANAGERS will be given by the University of Nebraska June 13 to 24. Instruction in elevator accounting, practical work in grain grading and lectures on present day marketing topics will be included.

19. THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE has requested the Federal Grain Supervision Project to cooperate in a joint grain grading exhibit to be held at the Yakima State Fair in September.

#### PERSONALS

Mr. Livingston attended the twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Virginia Bankers Association held at Hot Springs, Va., last week and gave an address on "A National Marketing Program."

Mr. Haakon Five, Agricultural Advisor of the Royal Norwegian Government in the United States, recently visited the Bureau of Crop Estimates to study the crop reporting methods used by that bureau.

Mr. Nat C. Murray, Acting Chief of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, recently visited the Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia offices of that bureau.

Dr. S. A. Jones and Mr. C. E. Gage of the Bureau of Crop Estimates recently returned from a conference on a cooperative crop reporting service held in New England. Dr. Jones on his return visited the New York and Pennsylvania offices of the Bureau of Crop Estimates.

Mr. C. E. Gage of the Bureau of Crop Estimates spent June 16 to 19 in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. J. J. Darg, the Maryland Statist of Crop Estimates will retire from the service June 30.

Mr. J. E. Rickards of the Bureau of Crop Estimates will retire from the service during the current month.

The appointments of the following men who have been cooperatively employed as Agents in this bureau will be terminated at the close of the present fiscal year because of readjustments of cooperative arrangements being made in several States: Messrs. W. F. Allewelt, Denver, Colo.; T. M. Patterson, Agricultural College, Miss.; R. J. McFall, Amherst, Mass.; L. H. Lewis, Clemson College, S. C.; W. C. Cribbs, East Lansing, Mich.; J. T. Horner, New York City; J. F. McKay, Agricultural College, Miss.; R. W. Smith, Concord, N. H.; and A. G. Spinks, Agricultural College, Miss.

Mr. Joseph M. Mehl, who has been serving in this bureau since June 1, 1917, as Investigator in Cooperative Purchasing and as Investigator in Cooperative Organization, has resigned to accept a position in the organization department of the United States Grain Growers, Inc.

Mr. Joseph B. Chaney has been appointed Research Agent in Marketing effective June 16. He will be stationed at New York City and will be engaged in acquiring information relative to the distribution and marketing of farm products through investigational methods. Mr. Chaney received a B. S. degree from Columbia University in 1921.

Mr. David C. Griffith has been appointed Specialist in Cotton Marketing. He will be engaged in assisting in the classification of cotton submitted to the Department for classification and certification, will serve as a member of final inspection of the practical forms of the Official Cotton Standards of the United States, and otherwise assist in the enforcement of the provisions of the United States cotton futures Act. He has had over eighteen years' experience in the cotton business, including four years in this Bureau as Assistant in Cotton Marketing and Investigator in Cotton Marketing.



Mr. Asher Hobson has been appointed Agent (Assistant in Marketing Investigations) with headquarters at New York City. He will supervise the research work now being conducted by this bureau in cooperation with Columbia University. He has received an A. M. degree from the University of Wisconsin, and has been employed in this Department since 1914 as Agent, Assistant in Marketing Investigations, and as Field Agent in Marketing. He also was Assistant Chief in the Office of Farm Management of this Department.

Mr. G. A. Dabinett of the Grain Division visited Baltimore last Monday and again on Friday to confer with Mr. J. B. Hessong of the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce concerning the Import and Export Exhibition to be held July 6 to 11 at the Fifth Regiment Armory in that city. The Bureau of Markets has been invited to install a grain exhibit.

Mr. E. J. Murphy has returned from a trip through the Middle West in the course of which he conferred with the grain supervisors in regard to the enforcement of the grain standards Act. Mr. Murphy visited Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Duluth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Toledo and Buffalo.

Miss Jennie A. Cox of the Warehouse Division has gone to Asheville, N. C., for a month's vacation.

Mr. L. S. Tenny went to Wilmington, Del., June 11 to confer with milk producers regarding the establishment of a cooperative marketing association.

Mr. R. H. Elsworth, Specialist in Marketing Extension left Washington June 16 on a field trip to Blacksburg, Va., and Knoxville, Tenn., in order to study the extension methods being employed by the Colleges of Agriculture in these two States and also to study the work of the Agents in Marketing.

Mr. F. B. Wilkinson of the Warehouse Division is now on a field trip in the course of which he will visit points in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio and will investigate methods used in inspecting, sampling and grading tobacco and will survey the warehousing practices and facilities. He will also discuss warehousing and tobacco standardization work in connection with the U. S. warehouse Act with State officials, farmers and warehousemen in these states.

Mr. H. C. Slade of the Cotton Division went to New Orleans last Monday and while there will act as one of the Board of Cotton Examiners.

Mr. G. S. Meloy returned June 16 from a two weeks' trip through the southern states in the interests of the cooperative marketing of cotton.

Mr. C. L. Simmering of the Cotton Division has gone on a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. J. K. Wood of the Cotton Division has gone on a three weeks' vacation.

Mr. W. M. King of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division has returned from a trip through Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois.

Mr. H. B. McClure will leave for the Shenandoah Valley some time this week to make field investigations in connection with the work of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division. Mr. M. A. Crosby will also leave this week for the purpose of making similar investigations in Michigan.

Mr. A. L. Boyd and Mr. G. A. Rhoades reported to Peoria, Ill., for vocational training in grain sampling May 9 and June 1, respectively.

Mr. R. L. Cox reported for duty June 1 as Assistant in Federal Grain Supervision at the Minneapolis office.

Mrs. Irma P. Jewell, clerk and official reporter of the Chicago office of the Grain Division resigned June 20 to accept a position with the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc. She will act as confidential secretary to the president of the organization.

Mr. F. G. Smith and Mr. A. W. Herger of the Chicago office of the grain division have returned from a trip to southern points.

Mr. George A. Rhoades was placed in the Peoria office of the Grain Division for instruction in grain grading and sampling, June 1.

Mr. Robert Bier of the Fruit and Vegetable Division is on a field trip in the course of which he will visit a number of points in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He will make practical tests of the proposed grades for tomatoes at shipping points in New Jersey and similar tests probably will be made of the proposed grades for lettuce and celery at New York shipping points.

Mr. W. G. Russell of the Fruit and Vegetable Division resigned effective June 11. Mr. Russell has been connected with the Market News Service since September, 1918 and has conducted field stations in various points and later, having taken the inspector's training, was transferred to the Food Products Inspection Service. Since last September he has been located in Cleveland. He will enter business for himself.

Miss Sarah Fischer of the Joint Office force in the New York office was transferred June 1 to the Food Products Inspection office, taking the place of Mrs. Ward E. Newman who has resigned.

Mr. Nick Fennema of the New York office of the Dairy Division and Miss Fern Alma First were married May 25 at Bartlesville, Okla.

Miss Eunice A. Butterworth, Clerk-Stenographer in the Atlanta office of the Warehouse Division, has been transferred to duty in Washington, where she will report June 30. Miss Ora B. Shelton has been transferred from the War Department and assigned to duty in Atlanta in Miss Butterworth's place. She reported for duty June 15.

Mr. Amos Wooden has reported for duty as Grain Sampler at the Fort Worth, Tex. office of the Federal Grain Supervision.

Mr. J. Homer Cain, Clerk in the Atlanta office of Federal Grain Supervision spent last week on leave.

Mr. Philip Rothrock, Grain Supervisor of the Dixie Division visited the Atlanta Office on June 9 to examine several applicants for grain inspector's licenses. In company with Mr. Seeds of the Atlanta office Mr. Rothrock visited Savannah and Jacksonville on June 10 and 11, going from there to Charleston, Washington and Baltimore.

Mr. R. L. Fedderson, Dairy Inspector who substituted for Mr. Fennema in New York while the latter was on leave, has now returned to Chicago.

Mr. D. L. James of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products went to Wilmington last week to attend a conference of dairymen.

Mr. Roy C. Potts of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products has returned to Washington after a trip through the Middle West at which time he attended a number of conferences with officials of various dairy marketing associations.

Mr. E. L. Morris, Division Supervisor, visited the Fort Worth, Tex. office of the Grain Division, June 11.

Mr. H. M. Phillips of the Cost of Marketing Division who has been in New York and New Jersey for the greater part of the past year working on statistics of the cost of marketing milk has returned to Washington.

Mr. J. H. Lister of the Cost of Marketing Division returned to Washington during the early part of last week from a two weeks' trip through Central New York.



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## 1. MR. LIVINGSTON RESIGNS.

Mr. George Livingston, who has been Chief of the Bureau of Markets since the resignation of Mr. Charles J. Brand in 1919, has resigned effective July 1. At the special request of Secretary Wallace he will remain in the bureau for a limited period to act as Consulting Specialist and to assist his successor who has not yet been chosen. Mr. Livingston will enter commercial work.

Mr. Livingston joined the staff of the Bureau of Markets in 1915 as Specialist in Grain Marketing. The first bureau bulletin he prepared was on "Marketing Grain at Country Points." In 1916, when the grain standards Act was passed, the bureau was called upon to take immediate charge of its administration. Mr. Livingston then acted under Mr. Brand's direct supervision in explaining and enforcing the act throughout the country. He was also instrumental in developing the system of grain supervision now in force. By 1919 when Mr. Brand resigned the bureau had grown to such an extent that a reorganization had become necessary and this was the first work that Mr. Livingston undertook as chief. In addition to grouping projects into divisions he undertook the development of cost of marketing studies, the foreign market service and the effective dissemination of market information. These lines of work were fostered because of their fundamental importance in the development of thorough, accurate and broad studies in marketing subjects. To achieve the more effective dissemination of market news, the publication of The Market Reporter was begun, under Mr. Livingston's direction. In addition to his constructive work for the bureau, Mr. Livingston won the warm personal regard of the members of the bureau staff and their good wishes which will accompany him in his future activities are most sincere. In commenting on Mr. Livingston's resignation, Secretary Wallace said, "It is a matter of great regret and indeed national loss that the Government is, at least for the time being, unable to meet the competition of private enterprise in the matter of salaries and thus finds itself continually handicapped in carrying out its work in the most efficient manner. In view of all the circumstances and of your greater opportunities I am compelled to accept your resignation as chief of the bureau, but if you may find it possible to so arrange your affairs as to continue to assist the Department for a few months at least as a consulting specialist in marketing I shall appreciate it."

On Monday morning the staff of the bureau presented Mr. Livingston with a Hamilton gold watch, a gold chain and a knife, in appreciation of his services in the bureau and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held. The fund for the purchase was raised by popular subscription and was contributed by a large number of the employes. No presentation speech was made, but a short letter engrossed by Mr. J. V. Ficklin accompanied the gift and the office was decorated with flowers. The inner case of the watch was engraved with the words "In appreciation of loyal and effective service 1915-1921" and the outside with an autograph reproduction of Mr. Livingston's characteristic signature "G. L."

## 2. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU.

H. R. 6320, a bill to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in live stock, live-stock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, and eggs, and for other purposes, has been passed by the Senate.

H. R. 7102, a bill to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, has been reported to the House from the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

H. R. 7103, a bill to establish the standard of weights and measures for the following wheat-mill and corn-mill products, namely, flours, hominy, grits, and meals, and all commercial feeding stuffs, has been reported to the House from the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

## 3. ECONOMICS COMMITTEE MEETS.

Several important meetings of the Economics Committee, in which the bureau was represented by Mr. Estabrook, were held last week to consider pending legislation affecting agriculture. The Committee arrived at certain definite conclusions, which will be announced later, with respect to reorganizing the forces and re-directing the activities of the Department with a view to more efficient service along economic lines. The Committee also recommended a more complete separation of regulatory work from research and service activities. Some of the changes proposed will have a far-reaching effect on the future organization and work of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. Dean Hunt of California, Professor Christie of Indiana, Professor Warren of Cornell, Professor Boss of Minnesota, and Professor Cooper of Kentucky, took part in the discussions and joined in the recommendations.



4. CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION TO USE DATA.

Hon. Sydney Anderson, Chairman of the Congressional Commission on Agricultural Inquiry, conferred with Mr. Estabrook this week with reference to securing complete data with respect to production, consumption, imports and exports, carry-over and stocks on hand, of the staple surplus crops of the United States and foreign countries, and with respect to a program of investigations by the Congressional Commission. The Commission proposes to utilize all the information bearing on the subject of their investigation now available in the Executive departments.

5. MANCHURIAN VISITORS AT THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

J. Takahashi, the chief grain inspector at Darien, Manchuria, visited the New York office of this bureau last week. He was accompanied by Yasumori Igarashi, Zenejero Tanikawa and Jiro Suzuki, all officials of the South Manchurian Railway Company. Grain inspection in Manchuria is limited to soy beans according to Mr. Takahashi who said that the uniformity of inspection is 100% as all inspectors are required to accept the grade awarded by the original inspector. There are fifty inspectors in Manchuria, 20 at Darien and 30 inland. They are employed by the railroad at the request of the grain exchange at Darien. Soy beans are graded on three numerical grades and one sample one.

Of late, wheat production has been on the increase in Manchuria and it is planned to establish grades for wheat and for maize in the near future. The South Manchurian Railway is planning to buy some modern grain inspection equipment and set up a laboratory and investigational office at Darien for grain standardization work. A dryer and cleaning apparatus for soy beans will also be added to the facilities for handling grain at that port. Manchurian grain is now handled only in bags. Bulk handling is still to be developed.

6. INVESTIGATION OF TOBACCO GRADES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

An investigation of the grading and marketing of tobacco will be undertaken cooperatively by the Federal Bureau of Markets and the State of Pennsylvania for the purpose of establishing tentative grades for the principal types of tobacco, grown in that and adjacent States. The purpose of the investigation is to bring about such correlation between these grades and the tentative grades that may be formulated in other States as to result in a single system of comparable market grades for all of the principal types of American grown tobacco. This bureau will pay the salary of the Specialist who will be in charge of the work and the expenses will be paid by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Markets.



## 7. FREIGHT RATES INCREASE PRICES.

An investigation of freight rates by the Economics Committee shows that the average increase since 1913 is 80 per cent; that the average tonnage of farm crops and live stock moved on railroads during 1916, 1917, 1918, and 1919 was \$3.74 and in 1920 it was \$6.74; that the total charge for hauling a year's tonnage of farm crops is \$1,034,000,000; and that the increased cost to be deducted from the prices of producers or added to the prices paid by consumers, or both, is \$460,000,000.

## 8. PURCHASING POWER OF FARM PRODUCTS.

Index numbers compiled for the Economics Committee show that, as compared with 1913, May prices of the ten leading crops and live stock combined stood at 109, cotton goods, bleached, at 277, shoes (wholesale) at 232, freight rates 180, railway wages 252, and all commodities except farm products 157, and that the purchasing power of farm products in terms of other commodities was 69.

## 9. VISITOR FROM INDIA.

Mr. P. G. D'Souza, the Secretary to the government of Mysore in the Department of Education, Industries, Commerce and Agriculture, was a caller at the Washington office of the bureau last Tuesday. Mr. D'Souza is interested in establishing a warehousing scheme for the poor farmers of India who are often exploited by middlemen. He was also interested in plans for cooperative marketing and hopes to promote this method of handling produce in his native country.

## 10. MINNESOTA JOINT BOARD OF APPEALS ADOPTS FEDERAL GRADES.

The joint board of grain appeals of Duluth and Minneapolis held an annual meeting June 18 for the purpose of establishing Minnesota grain grades. According to published information these state officials have adopted as Minnesota grades the present Federal grades for Spring and Durum wheat in addition to the Federal grades for both corn and oats.

## 11. TYPE CLEANER.

A limited supply of "Wolverine Type Cleaner" has been received by the Bureau Property Clerk and may be had on requisition. This preparation has been tested in the Stenographic Section with good results. It has been found that it will readily dissolve and remove the ink from typewriter type and it appears to be much more satisfactory than the wood alcohol generally used.

12. SECTION OF SUPPLIES AND ACCOUNTS TO BE DIVIDED.

Beginning July 1, the Section of Supplies and Accounts will be divided into two sections each reporting to the Assistant to Chief of Bureau. One of these sections will be known as the Section of Audits and Accounts with Mr. P. H. Quinn in charge, and the other the Section of Property and Supplies with Mr. J. F. Pevare in charge.

13. IN THE LIBRARY.

The recent accessions to the Bureau of Markets Library include the following items:

American Academy of Political and Social Science, Phila.  
International Trade Situation....1921.

American Farm Bureau Federation.  
National Legislative Policy....Resolutions passed...  
April 11-23, 1921.

American Warehousemen's Association. Central Bureau  
Committee. General Merchandise Subdivision.  
Report ... 1920.

Fort Worth Stock Yards Company. Annual Report. 19th,  
1920.

National Association of Wool Manufacturers. Annual Wool  
Review...1920.

Portland Union Stock Yards Company. Annual Report. 11th,  
1920.

Wichita Union Stock Yards Company...Annual Live Stock  
Report...28th, 1921.

The following list includes some of the new books in the  
Department Library:

Chisholm, G. G. Handbook of Commercial Geography....1921.

India, Punjab. Co-operative Credit Societies, Registrar  
Report on the Working of Co-operative Credit  
Societies in the Punjab. 1919-20.

Japanese Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco. Japanese  
American Year Book. 1918.

Kottur, G. L. "Kumpta" Cotton and Its Improvement. 1920.

National Council of Cotton Manufacturers. Research Committee. Report...on International Comparisons of Prices of Cotton Cloth, Trade Tendencies and World's Summary of Production and Consumption. 1919.

New York Commercial ... 125th Anniversary Number, 1795-1920. 1921.

U. S. Department of Labor...The Economic Situation in Czechoslovakia in 1920. 1921.

Wheeler, Seager. Seager Wheeler's book on Profitable Grain Growing...1919.

#### BUREAU BREVITIES

14. THREE CIRCULARS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY are being circulated with this week's number of the Bureau News. Circular No. 70 deals with the modification of Civil Service requirements in connection with temporary appointments to scientific, technical and professional positions. Circular No. 71 calls attention to the importance of attaching Department of Agriculture bills of lading to the freight shipments moved by the War Department for the Department of Agriculture, and Circular No. 72 deals with the extension of the period of eligibility for reinstatement for persons who served with war organizations during the war with Germany.

15. CANTALOUPE BROUGHT FROM BRAWLEY, CALIF., UNDER TEST CONDITIONS were marketed in New York City last week. The test was a part of the series being conducted by Mr. C. A. Richardson, the engineer of the Pacific Fruit Express Company cooperatively with Mr. L. J. Weishaar who is employed jointly by Federal and California Departments of Agriculture. One of the objects of the test was to determine the number of re-icings required in transit and the carrying qualities of the cantaloupes.

16. THE ASTORIA, ORE., OFFICE OF GRAIN INSPECTION which was closed some time ago because little or no grain was arriving, will soon be reopened. Mr. C. H. Bramel, licensed inspector who has been stationed at Portland, will be transferred to that point. Officials of the port requested the reopening of the office as the Astoria flour mills have sold enough flour for immediate delivery to require the purchase of 125,000 bushels of wheat which will soon begin to arrive.

17. THE MAY REPORTS ON INSPECTIONS made by this bureau show that a total of 1824 carlot and less than carlot inspections were made at the 23 markets at which inspection is maintained. Navy inspections



for the same period amounted to 3,540,938 pounds and those for the Marine Corps 225,149. Inspection service for the Marine Corps is now available at all points at which Navy inspection is maintained.

18. A COMMITTEE TO WORK OUT A FIXED AGRICULTURAL POLICY IN IDAHO has recently been appointed. The object of the committee is to provide proper bonding facilities, neutral grading by government graders, adequate warehousing facilities and a competent selling organization to market all crops represented by the association.

19. COOPERATIVE MARKETING AND BUYING OF PRODUCE AND SUPPLIES has saved the farmers of Mississippi almost \$1,157,000 during the biennial period ending June 30, according to a statement contained in a report of the work of the Market Department of the Extension Division of the Mississippi Agricultural College.

20. THE SUM OF \$49,400 WAS APPROPRIATED BY THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE during its recent session for the maintenance of the State Warehouse and Marketing Bureau for the biennial period commencing July 1, 1921. An appropriation of \$25,000 was also made for the State Bureau of Crop Estimates during the same period.

21. U. S. GRADES AND STANDARDS ON THE THREE GRAINS, potatoes and hay, have been proposed by a committee appointed by the State Board of Agriculture of Utah. The standardization of all hay, wheat, oats, corn, apples, and potatoes sold in the State was also recommended by the committee.

22. A SHIPMENT OF NO. 2 HARD WINTER WHEAT was loaded on the steamer Noorderdyk by a Portland grain firm on the basis of Federal standards. It is thought that the lot is being loaded on the basis of Federal grades because of the request of the foreign buyer.

23. THE EXHIBIT ILLUSTRATING FEDERAL GRADES and supervision procedure which has been on display at the Seattle Merchants Exchange has been shipped to San Francisco where it will be set up on the floor of the Grain Exchange.

24. THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE RECENTLY PASSED A LAW to regulate the selling or offering for sale of agricultural seeds and providing for their inspection and analysis.

25. THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE recently passed a law providing for cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the collection and publication of agricultural statistics.

26. MR. M. S. WIGGINS WILL OPERATE MARKET REPORTING STATIONS on watermelons at Thomasville, Ga., beginning June 20 and ending July 9, and at Macon, Ga., beginning July 11 and closing July 23.

PERSONALS

Mr. K. B. Seeds, Grain Supervisor in charge of the Atlanta district left Atlanta June 19 and spent five days at different points in Alabama checking up inspectors, conferring with the trade and attending to other matters connected with the work of Grain Supervision.

Mr. C. W. Kitchen of the Fruit and Vegetable Division left Washington Sunday for a short trip to points in the South. He will go to Jacksonville, Fla., to confer with the Commissioner of Markets in regard to cooperative news service plans. He will probably also stop at Thomasville, Fort Valley, and Atlanta, Ga., and at Suffolk, Va.

Mr. Robert Bier of the Grades and Standards Section has gone to Bridgeton, N. J., to assist State officials in establishing a shipping point inspection service on onions.

Miss Dena Hammer of the Fruit and Vegetable Division who was injured in an elevator accident in the Bieber Building about six weeks ago has returned to her work.

Dr. F. C. Meier, Pathologist of the New York Office of the Inspection Service spent a part of last week in Washington. He held a number of conferences on the diseases of watermelons and cucumbers in Florida and Georgia.

Mr. J. M. Rogers of the Cincinnati office of Food Products Inspection has resigned effective July 15.

Mr. H. T. Longino of Texas will become a member of the Food Products Inspection staff July 1. He will report in Chicago on that date and will take the inspector's training.

Miss Mary G. Lacy, the Librarian of the Bureau Library, left June 19 for Swampscott, Mass., to attend a meeting of the American Library Association. She will take 10 days leave at Haverock, Mass. Miss Sherman will be in charge of the Library during Miss Lacy's absence.

Miss Cornelia S. Barnes of the Bureau Library is attending the annual meeting of the American Library Association at Swampscott, Mass. Following the meeting Miss Barnes will take some annual leave in New England.

Because of contemplated closing of the Omaha office of the Market News Service on Fruits and Vegetables, Mr. M. M. Littleton will be transferred to the Baltimore office and Mr. Louis Baker who is now at Baltimore will return to Washington.

Mr. J. A. Marks of Arkansas who was on the staff of the Inspection Service from May, 1918 to February, 1920, has again been appointed Food Products Inspector effective June 15. He reported for duty in Pittsburgh where he will serve as a cooperative employee of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Markets and the Federal Bureau of Markets. He will devote most of his time to inspection work for the Federal Bureau but will also handle Pittsburgh inspections for the State.

Messrs. A. D. Miller and J. W. Park of the Domestic Wool Section left Friday for an auditing trip to Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Boston. They will also inspect dealers accounts at White River Junction, Vt., and Providence, R. I. Mr. C. C. McCormick has returned to Chicago where he will assist Mr. DeMott in some special work.

Mr. H. E. Truax of Los Angeles, recently made a trip to the Bakersfield, Calif., potato section where the use of the U. S. potato grades was recently begun.

Visitors at the Los Angeles office of the Bureau last week included Mr. J. E. Stubblefield of the Transportation Division, Mr. W. S. Fields of The Federal Horticultural Board at San Francisco, Mr. H. A. Spilman of the Grades and Standards Section, Mr. Vane Gibson of the Project of Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables, Mr. F. W. Read and Mr. L. J. Weishaar.

Mr. C. L. Brown of the Los Angeles office of the bureau, visited the Imperial Valley with Mr. H. H. Warner of the California Department of Agriculture June 16 to 19 in order to study shipping conditions in the southern part of California.

Mr. Phillip Rothrock, Division Supervisor of the Grain Division with headquarters at St. Louis visited Washington June 14 to confer with officials of the bureau relative to the export of grain.

Mr. O. W. Holmes, formerly in charge of the Dairy and Poultry Products branch at San Francisco, called at the San Francisco office last week. Mr. Holmes is now manager of the Salinas Valley Milk Producers Association.

Mr. H. A. Spilman of the Grades and Standards Section recently called at the San Francisco Dairy Products office and also at the Grain Division office in Portland, Ore.

Mr. C. W. Fryhofer of the New York office of the Dairy Division will go from Chicago, where he has been for some time to San Francisco to relieve Mr. F. H. Campbell, who will spend some time on annual leave and will remain away for several weeks to inaugurate a butter inspection service.



Mr. J. F. Welch of the Tacoma office of the Grain Division will be placed in charge of a district office to be opened in Ogden, Utah, about July 1.

Mr. H. E. Earp of the Washington office was a caller last week at the Minneapolis office of the Grain Division in connection with his work in barley investigations. He secured several samples which were sent to Beltsville, Md., where they will be used for experimental purposes.

Mr. C. D. Shirley who has been in charge of the Houston office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division has resigned from the service. Mr. Shirley will move to Fort Worth, Tex., and will enter a brokerage firm.

Mr. E. L. Morris, Division Supervisor of Kansas City visited the Galveston and Ft. Worth, Tex., offices of the Grain Division during the past week.

Mr. Ross Chambers, former Grain Sampler of the Indianapolis Board of Trade has reported for duty as Grain Sampler with the Galveston office of Federal Grain Supervision.

Mr. Harry Anderson, Licensed Inspector of the Galveston Inspection Department, was seriously injured when an automobile in which he was riding collided with a street car. Later the ambulance in which he was being carried to the hospital also collided with a street car, which complicated Mr. Anderson's injuries. It is expected that he will not leave the hospital for some time.

Mr. P. A. Edquist, the Royal Vice Counsel of Sweden called at the Omaha office of the bureau last week and discussed market conditions in Nebraska.

Mr. A. C. Smith, Chief Deputy Grain Inspector of Duluth, recently spent some time in Minneapolis and discussed the lack of uniformity in grading between the Duluth and Minneapolis inspectors, especially on the wheat shipped from Minneapolis to Duluth.